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## Keeping families connected

### High-tech communications help deployed soldiers stay in touch

By Karl Weisel  
Staff writer

"I'm next. I'm next," said Charlie Davidson excitedly as a door swung open and he entered a room in 1st Brigade Headquarters on Friedberg's Ray Barracks. Charlie and his sister, Amanda, were about to "see" their dad, 1st Sgt. Charles Davidson, for the first time in three months. Davidson is currently

on duty at Camp Monteith in Kosovo.

"Email is great—we email everyday," said Charlie's mom, Betty, "but being able to see him, that's something else."

Betty, assistant family support group leader for Company C, 1-37th Armor, and Bad Nauheim community mayor, was looking forward to celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary by "seeing" and talking to her husband via Video Tele-Conferencing at the brigade headquarters. She and other spouses

were among hundreds of family members who have been able to maintain visual contact with deployed soldiers thanks to the technology made available in the evenings by the brigade.

"We're using the command VTC after 6 p.m. when it's no longer needed by the brigade," said Master Sgt. Ernest Coleman, family support liaison for 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division. "In order for us to call we have to be patched through Heidelberg. We call down to Camp Monteith, Camp Bondsteel and Macedonia. This VTC serves the entire 1st Brigade. We have had no units from the 16th Engineer Battalion, because I have been told they are using the 'web cam' for their families.

"It's going pretty well. The big thing is we just started this in August and we really need to let the family members know about it," Coleman said. "It's here, and we just have to get the word out. We also need to get the commanders to schedule use of the VTC for their units."

For Betty, it was the first time she and her husband have been separated for any length of time in their two-decade-long marriage. "We talked on the phone last night and we're really looking forward to it," she said.

"You should see the look on the kids' faces when they come out of the room," said Coleman. "Of course, there is crying too,

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Photos by Karl Weisel

Amanda, Charlie and Betty Davidson chat with and get a chance to see 1st Sgt. Charles Davidson in Kosovo via a television screen in Friedberg's 1st Brigade Headquarters.

## Unattended cooking still primary cause of fires

By David Ruderman  
Staff writer

A nearly fourfold spike up in the cost of fire damage to family housing across the 104th Area Support Group over the past year was largely due to kitchen fires, safety officials reported. A total of 30 kitchen fires resulted in two injuries, the forced removal of 13 families and \$581,000 of damage to property, said Donald E. Long, safety officer for the 104th ASG.

Long said that 15 of the fires were caused when residents left cooking unattended in

their kitchens. Other causes of quarters fires were three instances of arson, children at play and a miscellany ranging from electrical failure to placing a cardboard box on a hot stovetop.

"The common thread in all of this is that almost every one involved a failure on the part of a human being," said Long. "Most of those actions involved just a few seconds. We have been lucky so far, but we can't rely on luck," he said. Remaining alert to potential causes of quarters fires and eliminating or avoiding them from the beginning is the only sure way to protect community members and government property, said Long.

"If you never leave your cooking unattended you increase life safety for you and your family," said Helmar Kuhn, chief, 104th ASG Fire and Emergency Services. He pointed out that kitchen fires are a smaller percentage of total fires than in previous years, but "the total number of fires is still alarming. We must reduce those fires that are caused by dirty dryer lint traps or candles left burning near furniture, curtains and the like. We all must get focused on possible fire hazards," he said.

Kuhn added that it is remarkable that there have been no fire fatalities in years in the 104th ASG.

## Inside

### Reader feedback

"There are a lot of crucial issues, but taking care of the military is a big one," said Spc. Joshua J. Toffler in this week's reader feedback on the upcoming election. See page 2 for more responses.



### 'Agony of the feet'

Several local runners head to Berlin to join thousands at the annual city-wide marathon. Turn to page 13 for their stories and other sports and leisure news.



## News flash

### Logistics Ball Oct. 28

The second annual Logistics Ball will be held at the Village Pavilion in Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. Quartermaster, Ordnance, Transportation, Aviation and Medical Service Corps officers, warrant officers, promotable staff sergeants and above, and civilian logisticians in grades C7 or GS9 and above are invited. Make reservations by Oct. 15 by calling 1st Lt. Sloat at mil 337-6618.

### Don't give guards hard time

Some drivers and pedestrians continue to wait to be asked or even refuse to show proper identification when entering a military installation. Everyone is required to hand over their ID to the Pond's guards for verification of front and back side. Don't slow down the procedure by not being prepared to hand over ID when approaching a military facility, a Provost Marshal official said.

### Kudos to Kontakt winners

Congratulations to the following local winners in this year's U.S. Army Europe Kontakt Awards: **Giessen's** Georg Gatzka and Silvia Zähl-Gatzka, **Wiesbaden's** Salvatore Fardella winners in the Internal Individual High Achievement Category; and **Wiesbaden** for Publications. They will be honored during the annual Kontakt assembly to be held in Wiesbaden this fall.

### Free movie passes

Two Army and Air Force Exchange Service movie passes will be given away for every meal a parent purchases with their student at Bad Kreuznach Elementary School. The giveaway runs through September and may be extended into October. (410th BSB Public Affairs)

### IMO conference Sept. 28

The 102nd Signal Battalion's quarterly Information Management Officer conference scheduled for Sept. 26 will now be held Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the International Club on Hanau's Fliegerhorst Kaserne. All IMOs within the 104th ASG are encouraged to attend. (102nd Signal Battalion)

### Hanau SSSC closing

The Hanau Self Service Supply Center and Supply Support Office will be closed Sept. 19-26 for inventory. The Hanau SSSC will reopen for administrative transactions only Sept. 27-29 at 8 a.m. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Hanau SSSC and the SSO will reopen for normal business Oct. 2 at 8 a.m. Call mil 322-9522/9537 for more information.

**'Make a world of difference' ... give to CFC — see page 6**



# Commentary

## Feedback: What are the crucial issues in this year's federal election?



**1st Lt. Katarzyna M. Shaw**  
**221st Base Support Battalion**

"I think the future strength of our military is a crucial issue as well as global conflicts that call for U.S. involvement — as well as (affecting) families in the military."



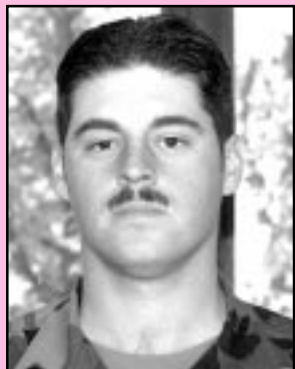
**Kerwin Walker**  
**Bad Kreuznach Welcome Center manager**

"As a civilian I would have to say health care is a major issue. Having lived in Germany for 24 years I see how they take care of their people, and we don't have that in the United States."



**Kathleen R. Collums**  
**221st Base Support Battalion**

"Being an educator, education is a big issue for me. I like the direction that our country is going now and would like to see it continue."



**Spc. Patrick Karstens**  
**Company A, 141st Signal Battalion**

"The major issues are income, taxes and monopoly laws. We need to level out income and taxes across the board. I am paying 28 percent taxes out of all of my paychecks and I doubt the rich guys are doing the same. The monopoly laws need to change because we have always been told that the United States is the land of freedom, opportunity and free competition, and now the government is making laws that limit how big a company can get."



**Pvt. 2 Tanisha Bowman**  
**Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division**

"The most important thing for me is Medicare and Social Security. I don't want Social Security to run out before I am old enough to use it. I think we need more money for the military. Taxes, of course, because taxes are a big issue in every election."

## Too many passwords

**Commentary by Susanne Huehn**  
414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Imagine a world where you've forgotten all your passwords — your log-on onto the local network does not let you enter, access to your bank account is denied and your cell phone won't let you call your family.

Today you need an overwhelming number of passwords in daily life. The problem is, if you can easily remember your passwords, they may also be easy for someone else to guess. When selecting a new password keep these tips in mind:

- Keep your password a secret.
- Avoid writing it down, unless you take precautions such as encrypting it and storing it safely away from your computer.
- Enter it quickly so no one can see what you are typing (stealing a password this way is called shoulder surfing).
- Change your passwords frequently.

The most important step is choosing a password. The worst choices are "easy guessers" with personal information such as:

- Social Security number or ID number;
- Your user name;
- Anything derived from your name, dates, family member names, license plate number, nicknames or "easy" words.

Avoid using common passwords such as 1234 (this is the password most frequently chosen on the spur of the moment), simple keyboard patterns such as "qwerty" or "asdfgh." Also try not to use common phrases such as "letmein" or "go2work" or famous

names such as "Bilbo" or "Elvis."

Words in which numbers replace letters such as "p2ssw3rd" are also dangerous. Avoid tricks that do not make a bad password better such as:

- Spelling the above mentioned words or phrases backwards, vary the spelling or repeating them.
- Adding numbers to a common word.
- Capitalizing a few characters.
- The use of common substitutes such as "\$@nd" instead of "Sand."

The best passwords are impossible to guess. Nonsense words that are not in a dictionary, for example "suntequat" or "delacite," can be useful.

A password should be at least six digits long, but when a system allows more than the usual eight digits, every additional digit or element increases the user's security level. Mix uppercase and lowercase characters *randomly*, not according to grammatical rules. A combination of alphabetic and numeric characters is very good, unless you add the numbers only at the end of the password. For instance, "to6we13" is far better than "towel63."

If you have too many passwords to keep in mind, consider the following technique: Choose a sentence or a phrase such as "He lives at 13 Darben Street" and take just the first characters of each word: "Hla13DS." Be sure not to use such common phrases as "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

You can also improve password security by using punctuation marks and varying lower- and uppercase characters.

## Saluting those who serve

### Staff Sgt. Candace Nattiel, V Corps Career Counselor of the Year

Staff Sgt. Candace Nattiel is one of those lucky people who have managed to merge career satisfaction and personal fulfillment — and be recognized for excellence. The 16th Corps Support Group career counselor was recently chosen as the V Corps Career Counselor of the Year.

"It just shows that I know my job, that I know what I'm doing," said Nattiel. "Everyday working with soldiers got me ready for the board. That's my job, to let soldiers know what their options are as far as re-enlistment ... and what the possibilities are for the Reserve." She re-enlists about 25 soldiers each month.

The 14-year Army veteran made her

own career change about five years ago when she became her company re-enlistment NCO while on a tour of duty in Camp Casey, Korea.

"I really liked working with soldiers, being able to re-enlist them, keep them on active duty. It just gives you a lot of pleasure to give soldiers opportunities, to give them what they want pretty much."

The St. Louis, Mo., native who calls Texas home has been on duty in Hanau for the last 19 months, her first tour in Germany. She is accompanied by her husband Sam and 10-year-old son Terrell.



## Thanks from the ASG family

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## Plane crash exercise brings agencies together

By Cassandra Kardeke  
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Bodies and clothes litter the runway as smoke billows in the air after a commercial jet crashes. A child wanders through the debris looking for her parents.

This was the scene on a Saturday morning at Wiesbaden Army Airfield; but fortunately, it was only a scenario-based exercise. Designed to provide U.S. military personnel and German emergency organizations in the Wiesbaden area experience by working together during a crisis or in a disaster, the

exercise was planned to be as realistic as an actual plane crash.

"A disaster such as this can be emotionally overwhelming at times," said Lt. Col. John M. Metz, 221st Base Support Battalion commander.

In trying to make the exercise as realistic as possible, planning and coordination for the exercise began last year. Both German and American volunteers worked early in the morning to stage the accident and to create phony injuries that needed to be treated. A bus loaded with people posed as the airplane. Fires were lit around the perimeter to give a more realistic effect.

"As Americans here we don't have all the assets we need to take care of a crisis like this, so we must rely on our German neighbors for

**Left: An Army paramedic discovers an "injured" boy who was riding his bicycle in the vicinity where the plane "crashed" and provides medical attention until the boy can be stabilized and moved.**



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke  
Paramedics, police and Red Cross from both German and American agencies assess the "injured passengers" while firefighters continue to fight the fire of the simulated airplane crash.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke  
**Firefighters prepare an "injured" passenger for transport to the local hospital after removing him from the burning plane.**

support," said Rey Voisine, operations officer for the 221st BSB.

According to Metz, the purpose of the exercise was to get as many different agencies, both German and American involved.

"Each of the agencies do train regularly for disasters, but it is important that they work together, face to face," said Metz.

Lasting only a few hours, the exercise proved to be a good experience for all involved and even a learning tool for the organizations to work together in the event that a major accident does happen.

**"A disaster such as this can be emotionally overwhelming at times."**  
**Lt. Col. John Metz,**  
**221st BSB**



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke  
**An American paramedic gives medical attention to an "injured passenger." Part of an exercise for both German and American military organizations, the exercise simulated a commercial jetliner crash at Wiesbaden Army Airfield in which several German organizations and military units on post were involved.**

### Learning to stay safe

## Does your child know when and where to cross?

By Cassandra Kardeke  
221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Don't wait until someone gets hurt. Talk to your children about safety when crossing roads.

It doesn't matter how old they are, safety always needs reinforcing. And the older they are, the more invincible they feel — until someone gets hurt.

The school season has been in session for just over three weeks and already many children have risked their lives darting in and out of traffic, not looking when they are crossing or even crossing where there is no crosswalk — particularly when it comes to crossing over New York Strasse to Texas Strasse in Hainerberg Housing.

New York Strasse is a very busy road at all times of the day and in particular at that intersection

entering the housing area. Despite the fact that the intersection is on a hill, at a bend and has no crosswalk, children are still taking chances by crossing the street rather than using the ramp that goes over the road.

A bridge is located over New York Strasse entering into Hainerberg specifically for adults and children walking to Hainerberg.

"Children are always crossing that busy road into Hainerberg rather than taking the bridge," said Nikki Randolph, who drives her children to school each morning. "Darting in between cars, I almost hit one of them the other day," she said.

But crossing into Hainerberg isn't the only problem that has come up in the year's school season.

When the lunch bell rings at the middle school, children have been running out into the street on their



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke  
**Sophomores Stephen White and Michael Damigo dodge traffic on New York Strasse on their way to school at H.H. Arnold High School.**

way to the cafeteria at Army Community Service, said Capt. Christopher Walton, provost marshal for Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

"Most communities have paid crossing guards or parent volunteers. We can have an MP out there,



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke  
**Crossing the road doesn't have to be dangerous if you cross at the right place. After attempting to cross the road through morning rush hour traffic, these girls were instructed to take the ramp over New York Strasse which ends in Hainerberg Housing in Wiesbaden.**

but one may not always be available. Parents do need to educate their kids about this issue," he said.

Whether or not you have already discussed with your children about the safety precautions when crossing the road, it is still not too late to reiterate just how important they are.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke  
**Children walking to school attempt to cut through traffic versus taking the ramp over New York Strasse.**



## Lamplighter's Bazaar offers fun for all at WAAF

By Cassandra Kardeke  
221st Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

The holidays may not seem so close, but the shopping season is just around the corner, and the Lamplighter's Bazaar in Wiesbaden is just the place to start.

Hosted by the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Lamplighter's Bazaar has been a community fund-raiser for the past eight years, according to Liz Moore, special events coordinator for MWR.

"Its motto is the 'Light that shines back into the community' and that is exactly where the proceeds go, back to the community," said Rosanne M. McDonald, president of the WCSC.

All proceeds from the bazaar go to charitable organizations within the community, scholarships and community projects for the Wiesbaden area.

Over 100 vendors and booths will be spread throughout the Reunion Center and hangars 1034 and 1035 over the last weekend in September. There will be a wide array of items available from all over Europe including pottery, jewelry, artwork, clothing, linens, arts and crafts, crystal and various collectibles. Many vendors make their items, and there will be plenty of one-of-a-kind items available for all. There will also be several food booths and a beer garden.

This year's bazaar will be held Sept. 29 from 3-8 p.m., Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to U.S. ID card holders only. It is a perfect

**"Lamplighter's Bazaar — the light that shines back into the community."**

opportunity to do your holiday shopping and get it in the mail, said Moore.

"Many vendors will have packing boxes available for shipping to the States," she said.

There will even be a special appearance by Santa Claus and his helpers to help get the holiday season started.

Parking will be available in front of the Reunion Center and at Hangar 1034. However, customers are urged because of the close proximity of the airfield to use caution as planes will be landing and taking off during the weekend.

"There are some precautions that people must take and a major one is smoking," said Moore.

Due to flights coming in and out on the airfield, smoking will only be permitted in designated areas. Parents are also encouraged to keep their children away from planes that will be parked in nearby Hangar 1036.

"Utilizing just a few safety procedures will help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time while shopping," Moore said.

What better way to get into the holiday spirit than shopping at the eighth annual Lamplighter's Bazaar?



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

Construction crews work on Building 1043E at Wiesbaden Army Airfield to prepare for organizations that will be moving into the building. Building 1043 is one of many buildings being renovated as part of the restationing efforts that are taking place throughout WAAF.

### Restationing update

## Agencies move into new locations

Several agencies and organizations throughout the Wiesbaden area have moved into new locations or are scheduled to move in the near future.

One of these agencies, the Directorate of Community Activities, Morale, Welfare and Recreation has already moved from Building 1543 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield to Building 07790 (the Army Community Service building) on Mississippi Strasse in Hainerberg Housing. This includes the Business Operations Division, Community Recreation Division and the Nonappropriated Fund Financial Management Division which includes the Value Added Tax Office, Unit Funds, Private Organizations and NAF Payroll.

Along with the move come new telephone numbers. The following is a listing provided by DCA:

VAT Office	mil 338-7721
DCA Supervisory Admin Asst	mil 337-7592
DCA Admin Services Clerk	mil 338-7719
BOD Chief	mil 338-7750
CRD Chief	mil 338-6250
FMD Chief	mil 338-7683
NAF Payroll/PRD	mil 338-7746

Unit Funds/POs	mil 338-7682
Marketing	mil 338-7754
Special Events	mil 337-6111
DCA fax	civ (0611) 721 703

The Property Book Office is also moving from Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Building 1030, to Mainz-Kastel (Storage), Ludwig-Wolker Strasse, Building 4004. The temporary location during the move will be in the top floor of the office containers located next to Building 4004.

The new phone numbers are:

Property Book Officer:	mil 334-2652, 334-2698
	civ (06134) 604 652, (06134) 604 698
PBO Customer Service:	mil 334-2698, 334-2690
	civ (06134) 604 698, (0614) 604 690
POL/Coupons:	mil 334-2703, 334-2708
	civ (06134) 604 703, (06134) 604 708
PBO/Warehouse:	mil 334-2605
	civ (06134) 604 605

Keep in mind that several more agencies will be moving in the next few months. Check with AFN and the *Herald Union* for more information.

## Mentoring can be a rewarding experience

General H.H. Arnold High School and Wiesbaden American Middle School have established a mentoring program.

The purpose is to enhance the academic, social and emotional achievement of students. This is accomplished through the use of partnerships established among students, parents, school staff and community volunteers.

**What is mentoring?**

The word "mentoring" comes from a Greek word meaning "enduring." It means "a sustained relationship between a student and an adult." The adult provides support, guidance and assistance

to the student.

**How can it help students?**

Mentoring can improve overall academic achievement. Also, it helps students develop career skills, provides guidance for decision-making, and improves their self-esteem.

**How does mentoring work?**

Adult volunteers are screened and matched with students. They are matched according to academic interests, special strengths or hobbies. The volunteers are military and civilian adults from the Wiesbaden community.

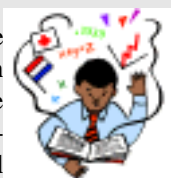
**When does mentoring take place?**

Mentoring will be available

Tuesdays and Wednesdays. At Wiesbaden American Middle School the participants will meet during lunch, the prime time period or after school. At General H.H. Arnold the participants will meet during lunch, the seminar period or after school.

**Where does mentoring take place?**

The Wiesbaden Community Mentoring Program is a school-based program; therefore, all mentoring is conducted at the school. Any contact between mentor and student during non-school hours must be approved by the student's parents. For details or to sign up to be a mentor contact the Mentor Program coordinator at mil 338-7569.



## Program managers needed to assist EEO

The 221st BSB EEO Office is looking for individuals/employees who would like to serve as volunteers or on collateral duty assignments as special emphasis program managers for the community.

Volunteers are needed for Federal Women's Program manager, Black Employment Program manager, Hispanic Employment Program manager, Asian American/Pacific Islander Employment Program manager, American Indian/Alaskan Native Program manager

and Individuals with Disabilities Program manager.

Duties of the SEPMS include participation in meetings, overseeing and coordinating special ethnic observance events and working as a team in promoting positive change throughout the community. SEPMS also serve as members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee.

Volunteers must be motivated and willing to work as a team. For more information call mil 337-5610.

**For more information check out the 221st Base Support Battalion's home page at [www.wiesbaden.army.mil](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil).**

## News briefs

### Town Hall Meeting set

The Wiesbaden Army Airfield Town Hall Meeting will be held Wednesday Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the cafeteria in the Army Community Service building.

Soldiers, airmen, DoD civilians and family members are encouraged to attend these quarterly meetings to discuss their concerns as well as learn more about community activities and events occurring within the installation.

### One-act comedy nights

Wiesbaden's Amelia Earhart Playhouse will present an evening of one-act comedy plays. Come out for an evening of pure entertainment. Show dates are Sept. 28-30 and Oct. 12-14 and 20-21. Tickets can be purchased at any Rhein-Main USO store, adult: \$12 or 24 DM, student: \$10 or 20 DM. For more information call civ (0611) 816-2473.

### Fitness center news

A **Family Fitness Fun Day** will be held at the Tony Bass Fitness Center Sept. 30. Various health care clinics will be available including blood pressure checks, body fat assessments, lessons in nutrition and aerobics classes.

Children can also enjoy themselves with programs to encourage them to take care of themselves.

A new **lunch-time aerobics class** will begin at TBF every Tuesday from 12-12:45 p.m. as well as kickboxing classes on Thursdays during the lunch hour. Both classes are designed for beginners. Call the center for more information on these and other health and fitness classes.

### Youth gymnastics classes held

Wiesbaden's Youth Services is now offering gymnastic classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. Classes are available for children ages 6 and up. For more information or to register call mil 337-5760/5383.

### Volunteers needed for Red Cross positions

The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers for the following positions: volunteer chair, health and safety chair, publicity chair, records chair, caseworkers, health and safety instructors, dental clinic, health clinic, pharmacy and youth programs. For more information call mil 337-5173/1760.

### First aid and dental assistant class offered

The American Red Cross and Wiesbaden Dental Clinic will offer a Dental Assistant Course beginning Oct. 2. This is a good opportunity to learn a new and challenging career.

There will also be a course on Community First Aid and Safety on Sept. 30. For more information on these courses and to register call mil 337-5173/1760 or civ (0611) 705-5173/1760.

### Lawn mower turn-in

All building coordinators assigned to Wiesbaden government housing must coordinate with the Home Improvement Store for turn-in of all government owned lawn mowers for winter service Nov. 1-30.

### High Praise 2000 concert

The Wiesbaden Army Airfield 1245 Gospel Service will hold a gospel concert at the Hainerberg Chapel Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. "High Praise 2000," featuring national recording artist Reverend Keith Hunter and the High Praise Gospel Choir, is open to the public and free for all. For more information call civ (0611) 561 665 or (0178) 4049741.

### Class available to help improve GT score

The Functional Academic Skills Training class helps teach reading and math skills to soldiers looking to improve their GT score or family members needing to improve reading and math skills. Classes will be held Oct. 10-27 at McCully Barracks from 7:45 a.m. to noon.

Active duty soldiers must have a TABE test before attending FAST and have their enrollment form signed by their first sergeant or commander. Enrollment forms are available at the Wiesbaden Education Center. For details call mil 337-5559 or civ (0611) 705-5559.

### Jobs available at Arms

Wiesbaden's American Arms Hotel is looking for a few good men and women who are looking for a job with competitive wages, health and life insurance package, a 401K plan and a great vacation package.

This is open to all U.S. citizens. Contact the Wiesbaden Civilian Personnel Office for an application and information on other job openings.

### Live music at casino

The Cappuccino Casino offers live entertainment every Tuesday from 6-10 p.m. This is an open jam

session, so come on down and jam with the other bands or just relax and enjoy the music. The Cappuccino Casino is located in the Hainerberg Shopping Center near the Post Exchange.

### Bowling Center news

Wiesbaden's bowling center has started a Color Pin Bowling program every Wednesday and Sunday from 3:30-8 p.m. This program offers bowlers a chance to win free games.

Saturday nights

just got better with Moonlight Bowling. Bring your friends and family for an evening of entertainment.

The bowling center is located at Wiesbaden Army Airfield next to the Tony Bass Fitness Center.

### College Night

There will be a College Night at Gen. H. H. Arnold High School at 6 p.m. Oct. 5. Representatives from various schools will be available to pass along any information you may need.

College representatives scheduled to attend are: Air Force Academy, Angelo State University, Arkansas State University, Auburn University, Baylor University, Dartmouth College, (University of) Delaware, Denison University, Drexel University, (University of) Dubuque, Emory University, Embry Riddle University, Florida A&M University, Institute of Technology, Georgetown University, Hood College, Howard University, (University of) Idaho, Iowa State University, Loyola University - N.O., Marquette University, (U. of) Maryland-Mannheim, (U. of) Md.-Schwäbisch Gmünd, Miami Univ. of Ohio, Millsaps College, Mississippi State Univ., (University of) North Carolina, (University of) Notre Dame, Penn State University, (University of) Puget Sound, Rhodes College, Richmond Univ. - London, Sacred Heart University, Schiller University, (Univ.) Southern Mississippi, St. Louis University (Madrid), St. Mary's College, (University of) South Carolina, (University of) Texas, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Virginia Military Institute, Wartburg College, Webster University (Geneva), Willamette University, William and Mary College, (University of) Wyoming, Xavier University (N.O.) and the KMC Scholarship Committee.

### Retiree Open House

The annual USAREUR Retiree Open House is scheduled for Sept. 23 in Heidelberg. The 221st Base Support Battalion will provide a bus with driver to take all Community retirees, their dependents and widows from the Wiesbaden/Mainz area to this important function.

The bus will depart from the Hainerberg Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. and return in the afternoon upon completion of the activities in Heidelberg.

### Logistics Ball to be held at Heidelberg

The second annual Logistics Ball will take place at the Village Pavilion, Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. Quartermaster, ordnance, transportation, aviation and medical service corps officers, warrant officers, promotable staff sergeants and above and civilian logisticians (grades C7, GS-9 and above) are all invited to attend.

Reservations of \$30 per person must be made by Oct. 15 and can be paid in cash or by check to 1st Lt. Sloat at Headquarters, 3rd Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden. Attire is dress mess or blue, Class A with white shirt and bow tie. Civilian dress is formal.

For details call mil 337-6618.

### Italian buffet Thursdays

Enjoy a buffet of Italian cuisine at the American Arms Hotel Restaurant every Thursday throughout the month of September. Served from 5:30-9:30, the cost will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 12.

### Arts and Crafts

Open from 12-8 p.m. Tuesday

through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, the Roemer Art Center has a new listing of classes available.

### September/October (eight sessions)

Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Crochet, Painting Studio, Drawing and Pastels

Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. Sewing, Framing

Thursdays 6-8 p.m. Pottery, Stained Glass

Saturdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drawing and Pastels

Saturdays 2-4 p.m. Pottery

Saturdays 3-5 p.m. Stained Glass, Painting Studio

### Football tournament

The 221st Base Support Battalion and the 104th Area Support Group ADAPCP will host Invitational Flag Football and 3 on 3 Basketball tournaments in October. The football games will be on the sports field behind the Tony Bass Fitness Center Oct. 5-6 and the 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be played at the Tony Bass Fitness Center Oct. 26. Awards will be presented for the first, second and third place teams. There will also be individual awards. There is a \$50 entry fee per team. For more information call mil 337-5943 or 337-5541.

### Foster Parents needed

The 221st BSB community is in desperate need of foster care parents. This is short-term care, but it can be a very rewarding experience to be there for a young person in time of need. If you are willing to make a difference in someone else's life contact the ACS Foster Care coordinator, Ada Muniz, at mil 337-5086 or civ (0611) 705-5086.



# News and features

## Annual fund-raising campaign kicks off Oct. 2

By Karl Weisel  
Staff writer

Soldiers and civilians will have the chance to once again "Make a world of difference" by signing up to contribute during this year's Combined Federal Campaign. This year the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas, part of the largest public sector fund-raising campaign in the world, will take place from Oct. 2 to Nov. 17.

"What I like about CFC is that you can contribute to the charity or organization of your choice," said Bob Sharp, 104th Area Support Group CFC project officer. "A great thing is that donations can be allocated to come back to support local organizations and they can be made by payroll deduction."

Funds raised through CFC go to support overseas installation Family Support Youth Activity Programs and deserving U.S. and international charitable organizations. In 1999 the CFC raised \$9.9 million, representing a 16 percent increase over the previous year. Part of that increase was due to the generous support of soldiers and federal civilians from

### Support your favorite charity through CFC

104th ASG communities. Sharp reported that while a total of \$463,445 was donated to CFC in 1998, community members from the five base support battalions in the 104th ASG gave \$675,491 in 1999.

"That increase was partially due to the good work of the campaign coordinators for the BSBs and key personnel from the military units," Sharp said.

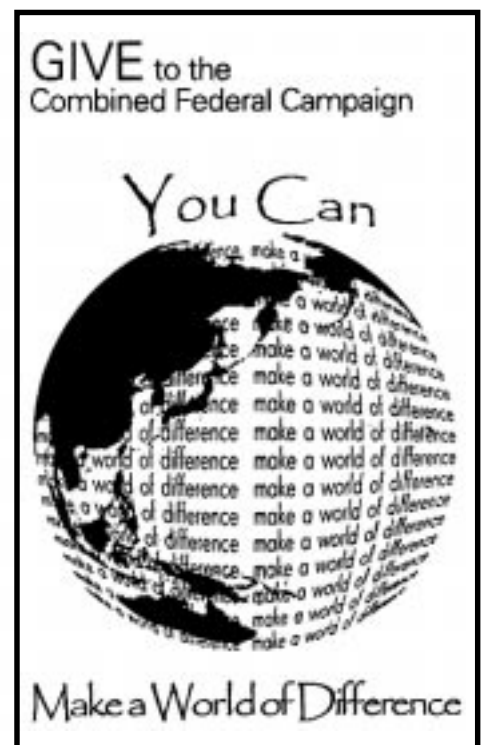
People wishing to help support medical research, scouting organizations or any other of the many groups listed in the Combined Federal Campaign literature can simply designate their selection by number code on the payroll deduction allocation form. Donors interested in designating a contribution to support their local Family Support Youth Activity Programs can simply enter "FSYP" in the "Four-Digit Agency Code" section of their pledge card.

You may think that a small contribution each pay period does little good in the world, but think again, according to CFC officials. They cited the following examples of how even small amounts play a major role:

- ☑ \$2 per month buys a winter sleeping bag for a homeless child.
- ☑ \$2 per month can remove 100 pounds of trash from a beach.
- ☑ \$8 per month supplies a doctor with one surgical kit to assist earthquake victims.
- ☑ \$9 per month can help a child with cerebral palsy through four therapy sessions.
- ☑ \$10 per month feeds a child for 30 days.
- ☑ \$12 per month protects six acres of the rain forest.
- ☑ \$20 per month provides vaccines for 60 children against measles, yellow fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis and polio.
- ☑ \$25 per month can sponsor a career exploration program through the Girl Scouts.
- ☑ \$50 per month buys one veterinary kit to help a village's livestock.

For more information about giving during this year's Combined Federal Campaign check with your local keyperson. Forms and brochures will be made available once the campaign gets under way.

Information about CFC is also available at the CFC-Overseas website —



[www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org). To contact the 104th ASG's project officer send email to [sharp@104asgexch.hanau.army.mil](mailto:sharp@104asgexch.hanau.army.mil).

## Keeping families connected . . . . .

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sometimes, but it's great — it's really great."

When 1st Brigade units prepared to take over peacekeeping duties in Kosovo earlier this year, Army Community Service began gearing up to better serve family members remaining behind by installing the VTCs in Family Service Centers. While they were successfully put in place, officials have still not yet worked out all the bugs to provide VTC service to the Balkans.

"Our VTC is fully up and has connectivity with all the Family Service Centers in Germany," said Sheryl Rogers, Friedberg ACS director. "We also have the video phone connection available. Family members can maintain visual contact with soldiers training in Hohenfels and other areas

of Germany. They can also be used just to let the family readiness group know how training is going or when a soldier is assigned to a different installation from where the family is living."

Rogers added that while it still may take some time to arrange for VTC service to the Balkans, people can use the VTCs and video phones for staff meetings and training conferences within Germany. "They're especially useful for us because we are geographically separated from our parent organization."

"I'm a little nervous about it," said 1st Sgt. Charles Davidson as he temporarily rejoined his family in the Brigade Headquarters via the VTC. "I was definitely looking forward to this. The only bad thing about this is that two soldiers (in

his unit) couldn't be here for the call because of the mission."

When asked what he was going to do in Kosovo after the time with his family to celebrate his anniversary, Davidson, said, "I may go drink a cappuccino."

For more information about scheduling use of the VTCs call Coleman at mil 324-3833 or your local Army Community Service center. The 1st Brigade VTC is located in Room 110, Building 361 1 on Friedberg's Ray Barracks. Families can also schedule individual use of the VTC (not unit specific, for 15 minutes at a time) on a first-come, first-served basis. Upcoming available dates are Sept. 25 from 6-8 p.m. (Camp Bondsteel) and Sept. 30 from 1-3 p.m. (Camp Monteith). After arranging for a time, spouses should call ACS at mil 324-3465 to schedule an appointment.



Retired service members, their spouses and widows have a variety of support networks in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Europe.

USAREUR invites all interested persons to attend the 20th annual USAREUR Retiree Open House Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Village Pavilion in Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village.

Representatives from retired pay operations, Veterans Affairs, legal assistance, Social Security and other organizations will be on hand to provide counseling and information. A Wellness Clinic and nearby dental services will be featured. ID cards will be issued to those with expired cards.

Call Jacqueline Jones at mil 379-6080 or civ (06202) 80-6080 for more information.

## Work begins on new golf course maintenance facility

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava  
222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

"What a great day to be stationed in Baumholder," said Col. Daniel D. Imholte, 104th Area Support Group commander. "The sun's shining — no snow, no frost, no fog — it's great." Indeed, the weather was nice enough for a round of golf.

This upbeat weather report actually does have some connection with golf. It was the opening comment during the recent ground breaking ceremony for the new golf course maintenance facility.

Scheduled for completion by Jan. 25, 2001 to the tune of just over \$1 million, the facility will include a small gas station, storage area for lawn care products, a workshop and parking for eight vehicles.

Although a ground breaking ceremony for a facility that will serve as a place to store mowers, repair them and refuel them may seem, at best, distantly related to military operations, it is as important as training and retaining soldiers. Why? Morale.

In order to successfully retain soldiers and train them to fight and to win, soldiers need to be motivated, they need to know their families are being taken care of and they need a comfortable living and so-

cial environment. And what better way to socialize than with friends on a well groomed, well maintained golf course. For an avid golfer, it doesn't get any better.

That's why about 20 American and German dignitaries recently gathered under a tent, shared their thoughts and then shared their shovels over a pile of dirt. "We're going to continue to make investments here, and one of the things is to provide those MWR facilities that are going to improve the quality of life for our soldiers, family members, civilians and our host nation neighbors," said Imholte.

"I enjoy coming to Baumholder on great days like today, but more importantly on days when I can see more improvement, more investment to the U.S. forces in a community that is going to last a lot, lot longer than some of our others," said Imholte. "We have a great relationship (with the German community) in Baumholder and we together can share in that quality of life."

He concluded by thanking the people both in the forefront and behind the scenes of the project. "I appreciate the work of the Stadtsbauamt, as well as the other engineers and other important people, such as resource managers who are helping us finance this to make this project happen. Thank



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Mike Farmer (from left), chief of construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District; Manfred Forster, LBD, Stadtsbauamt Idar-Oberstein; Volkmar Pees, Baumholder district mayor; Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar, 222nd BSB commander; Tony Blevins, 104th ASG project officer; and Col. Daniel Imholte, 104th ASG commander, share shovels and break ground to commemorate the start of construction on the new golf course maintenance facility.

you for your help in not only this project but in helping make Baumholder a better place."

"This is a great step for the golf course and the community," said Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander.

He echoed Imholte's message of improvement by saying, "I've said before, our goal, my goal, for the time that I'm here is to make Baumholder a place where Ameri-

can military members want to come to serve.

"We've got a great facility here. We're going to continue to expand upon it, and I want the Baumholder military community to be the number one choice for our military families to come and live."

For the many golfers who have heard rumors about expanding the golf course into an 18-hole course, Wagenaar had some good news.

The talk is true, but the plan is still in its infancy. "We're putting together a business plan to do that and continue to make Baumholder a better place to live," said Wagenaar.

He also had some good words for the German Golf Club. "I want to thank them for putting their work parties together and cleaning the golf course and continuing to make it a better place to play."

## Send a TV holiday greeting back home

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Center comes to Baumholder Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to record holiday greetings by soldiers and families for airing over local television networks in the United States. Recording sessions will be held next to the entrance to the Post Exchange.

Each year the Army and Air Force Hometown News Center makes such visits to record messages by soldiers and family members who will be spending their holidays overseas. If the military member is deployed, family members may record greetings alone.

The sponsor must be in his or her duty uniform. Recordings are on a walk-in basis, but it's best to sign up for a time slot by calling the Public Affairs Office at mil 485-1600 or civ (06783) 6-1600.

## ACS at a glance

The International Spouses Club meets from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 20

## Post notes

and Oct. 4 in the ACS lounge.

A newcomers coffee is set for Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 from 10-10:30 a.m. in the ACS lounge.

The next Army Family Team Building Level III training course is Sept. 20 and 21. Call mil 485-8542 or civ (06783) 6-8542 for location details. An AFTB Level I class is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The new Volunteer of the Quarter is Cathy Lollar from Charlie Battery, 4-27th Field Artillery. She was recognized Aug. 29 at the Baumholder Town Hall Meeting by Lt. Col. Eric Wagenaar, 222nd Base Support Battalion commander, who presented her a gift basket.

## ACS calendar

**Sept. 19,** Stress Management Class, Newcomers Coffee, Step Family Relationships

**Sept. 20,** Anger Management,

FSG/FRG Roundtable Discussion, Consumer Scams Bad Habits and Getting Help, Starting Your Own Business, AFTB Level III (Sept. 20-21), International Spouses Club

**Sept. 21,** Child Safety

**Sept. 22,** Resumix Workshop

**Sept. 25,** Parenting Class

**Sept. 26,** Stress Management, Jobs and the Military Spouse (Sept. 26-28)

**Sept. 27,** Conflict Resolution, Fixing Financial Problems, Family Violence Prevention

**Sept. 28,** Story Hour (Library), Couples Communication

**Oct. 2,** Successful Parenting, Employment Orientation

**Oct. 3,** Stress Management Class, Newcomers Coffee

**Oct. 4,** Banking and Checking Accounts, Interviewing, Anger Management, International Spouses Club

For more information about

classes listed or services provided by ACS call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

## Education update

Soldiers can now view and print unofficial copies of their Army transcripts online at: <https://aartstranscript.levenworth.army.mil>.

The University of Oklahoma and Cameron University representative from Ramstein AB will visit the Baumholder Army Education Center on a monthly basis. The next visit is Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Youth dance classes

Child Youth Services now offers ballet and jazz classes on Tuesdays from 1:30-7:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 2:30-6:30 p.m. at the Neubrück CYS. Classes are for ages 3 to adult, and participants will be placed by age and experience.

The cost is \$30 for a half-hour session for eight weeks or \$60 for an

hour session for eight weeks. For more information call CYS at mil 485-7003.

## Job corner

The following Nonappropriated Funds positions are available in the Baumholder community:

### Youth Services/Smith SAS

Child and Youth Program assistant, flexible and regular part time, \$7.47 per hour, open until filled.

### All CDCs

Child and Youth Program assistant, flexible and regular part time, \$7.47 per hour, open until filled.

### Baumholder Pool

Recreation aid lifeguard, flexible, \$6.19-7.25 per hour, open until filled, certification not required, training available.

Recreation aid, fitness center, flexible, \$6.19 per hour, open until filled.

For the latest on AF and NAF job announcement visit the Civilian Human Resource Management Agency Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe at [www.chrma.hqusa.army.mil](http://www.chrma.hqusa.army.mil).

# Get ready, get registered — it's almost time to vote

By Jennifer R. Babich

222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

It's time once again for service members and civilians living abroad to rock the vote. That's right ... election time is drawing near.

For Americans overseas the Federal Voting Assistance Program has been designed to help with absentee voting. To assist citizens directly each military installation

has its own Voting Assistance Officers who are responsible for ensuring that U.S. citizens residing abroad are given the opportunity to vote.

"You just bring your identification card and vote from your legal residence. ... The application is fairly easy — everything that is shaded (on the form), you fill in," said Staff Sgt. Rickey Butler, Baumholder's voting assistance officer.

With the constant moves associ-

ated with military life, figuring out what state is your permanent residence can be tricky. For newer service members, your state residency is most likely your home or the place you lived before joining the military.

For long term service members, your residency may instead be the state where you own property, pay taxes, have bank accounts, have a driver's license or other identification, or the state where you last voted.

Once you have determined your state of residence, you must fill out the postage-free Federal Post Card Application Form that allows you to register and/or request an absentee ballot from that state. Some states will allow citizens to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting a single FPCA, while others require the use of two separate forms.

The FPCA form is available from every company's voting assistance officer, and can also be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov). Keep in mind that some states do not accept the Internet form, and no states currently allow the form to be submitted via the Internet.

When filling out the form remember that while it is a universal application for all states, procedures do vary from state to state. To find out what information your state requires on the form, consult with the Voting Assistance Guide available from your voting assistance officer or check the website.

If registering you want to submit your Federal Post Card Application Form at least 30 days prior to the deadline for registration in your state. When applying for the absentee ballot it is recommended to send in your form 45 days prior to

the election. Check with your voting assistance officer or the website for information on where to send your form.

Once your Federal Post Card Application Form has been received by the local election official, you will receive your absentee ballot via mail. Simply select your candidate of choice and return the ballot in time to meet the voting deadline.

If you do not receive the requested regular absentee ballot you may request a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. This ballot is only valid when a regular ballot has already been requested in a timely matter, but has not been received.

Once your vote has been counted it's time to sit back and watch who wins. But if you don't vote your voice won't be heard.

"Just get out and vote. Now is the time ... don't wait until the last minute," said Butler.



## Community honors 100 years of service

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava  
222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Five noncommissioned officers whose military careers surpass 100 years of dedicated service began a new chapter in their lives titled "Civilian Life" Aug. 31 during a retirement ceremony at the Wagon Wheel Theater. A reception followed at the 2nd Brigade Regimental Room.

At the door to the theater, 2nd Brigade commander, Col. Gene C. "StrikerSix" Kamena, personally welcomed the more than 200 guests who attended.

A bit more elaborate than most retirement ceremonies, the NCOs and their wives were showered with an array of awards, decorations and gifts at both locations. Speaking at the theater, Kamena said, "This ceremony pays homage to long and distinguished service for five noncommissioned officers and their families."

### Five local NCOs

The five NCOs Kamena was talking about were Master Sgts. Steven R. Dixon and Michael C. Spann, both from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-6th Infantry; Sgt. 1st Class Darryl B. Jackson, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Patton, Company B, 40th Engineer Battalion; and Sgt. 1st Class John Renner, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4-27th Field Artillery.

"It really is a family business," Kamena emphasized. "Too often we green suiters focus on the soldiers, and that's important, that's what we get paid to do. But I can tell you these noncommissioned officers could not have made and contributed everything they've done without their families," he said.

After more than 20 years of service in each case, the five NCOs now move on to face the challenges of civilian life. "For over 20 years these noncommissioned officers gave everything to the Army," said Kamena. "It's something that civilians will never understand. Politicians will never know that no pay scale can compensate for it. For them, their service has become imbedded in every fiber of their being. These noncommissioned officers contributed so much it's hard really to explain everything they've done in a very short ceremony like this," he said.

The five NCOs have accomplished missions in all corners of the world.

"From the jungles of Vietnam to Alaska, from the DMZ to

Korea, to the blistering sands of Iraq, each noncommissioned officer has been critical to the execution of national policy," said Kamena.

Renner's career spans the 1960s, '70s, '80s, '90s and the new century. He served in Vietnam and then entered the Reserves. He came back on active duty and served in Korea, in the United States and completed two stints in Germany.

As a young soldier, Patton had the awesome responsibility

though. We expect them to be experts in all things. For instance a mortar platoon sergeant not only has to be an expert on how to shoot mortars, he has to be an expert in personnel affairs, in financial affairs and not only does he train his soldiers, he makes sure that they're well cared for," said Kamena.

He emphasized his point by saying that the Army also expects noncommissioned officers to be staff experts but falls a little short in that area. "To be honest about it, our Army doesn't train noncommissioned officers very well to do that.

"Master Sgt. Dixon can relate to that," said Kamena. Dixon was put in as the S-3 NCOIC. On a freezing snowy night at the Combat Maneuver Training Center, with very short notice, he was told to move the Tactical Operations Center. "He accomplished that mission and all the other missions he was given," said Kamena.

The Army also throws a few surprises at its NCOs, often placing them in unfamiliar surroundings and saddling them with unfamiliar missions. "We also move noncommissioned officers without putting a lot of thought into what units we're moving them to," said Kamena. Spann, who spent most of his career in airborne units, suddenly found himself as a mortar platoon sergeant in a Bradley heavy mechanized battalion in Germany. "I can tell you he never missed a beat, and his platoon never missed a beat," said Kamena.

"We also expect our NCOs to know more about their soldiers often than the soldier's parents do. We expect them to be counselors, advisers, confidants, recruiters and psychologists," said Kamena.

He pointed to Jackson as a prime example. "Sergeant 1st Class Jackson always had a genuine concern and a deep commitment for taking care of soldiers. He often spent more time with his soldiers than the wives of the soldiers did, something that Mrs. Jackson counseled him about often."

### 'NCOs bear a heavy load'

Their military careers nearly at an end, the five NCOs and their wives listened attentively as Kamena praised and thanked them one final time. "Yes NCOs bear a heavy load. They do it and they do it well and they do it without complaining. Unfortunately too often we're very sparse in our praise for what they do. I know that this ceremony is small compensation for what each of you and each family has committed to our Army and our country. Nevertheless please accept our deepest appreciation for all that you've done for our country and our nation."

With that, another chapter in military history covering more than 100 years of service came to a close and a new one titled, "Civilian Life," began.



ity for atomic munitions demolition. A combat hardened veteran, Patton has been awarded two Bronze Stars. He also spent time in Bosnia and was the platoon sergeant for the first engineer unit that went into Kosovo last year.

### 'Recent Army history'

"It sounds like recent Army history," said Kamena, "but I think it's representative of what noncommissioned officers contribute to national policy.

"Charged with the welfare of soldiers, noncommissioned officers know that the best way to take care of soldiers is to ensure they're well trained. That's what they do and they do it very well. The price the Army levies on NCOs is steep



## IRT readies soldiers for deployment to Kosovo

By Jennifer R. Babich

222nd Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

With the sounds of gunfire erupting around them, a platoon of soldiers from Company B, 1-35th Armor, dove for the ground, taking cover in the roadside brush until they could regroup and access their casualties.

No sooner had they set out again on their patrol when the yell of "incoming" was heard, accompanied by a loud explosion and a cloud of smoke in a nearby forest clearing. The soldiers again hit the ground, only to discover when it came time to set out again that their platoon leader had been wounded. As several soldiers tended to the injured lieutenant who moaned with pain as they handled his leg, the remaining soldiers kept up their vigilant watch for hostile fire and communicated their position back to base.

But this all-too-real scenario was not taking place in some forward-deployed location; instead, it was happening at Baumholder's Concourse Park.

The reaction drill being performed by these soldiers was part of Individual Readiness Training which is being conducted in Baumholder in preparation for the upcoming Kosovo deployment.

"The training keeps (the soldiers') awareness heightened on how to react in those types of situations," said Master Sgt. Andra Howell from the 2nd Brigade S-3 office, explaining the importance of Individual Readiness Training. "It's also a force protection issue," she added.

The mandatory training, which will span a total of five weeks, is expected to certify a total of 5,000 troops for the KFOR deployment. Training will then be ongoing through May 2001 for soldiers called in as replacements. Soldiers undergoing the training will be exposed to everything from routine checkpoint operations to more intense situations, including the reaction drill previously described, which familiarized the soldiers with patrols, mine probes, responding to snipers and indirect fire and providing aid to the injured.

Civil disturbance training is yet another vital aspect of IRT, providing a chance "to orient soldiers on how to react to mobs and riots," Howell said.

Overall, the training encompasses four days, including one day of briefings and video presentations and three days in the field. As Staff Sgt. Cash A. Freeman of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-6th Infantry, pointed

out, the time is spent putting "focus on the individual soldier ... and trying to put the junior leaders in a position of responsibility."

He noted that it's also an important way for soldiers to train in areas they might not ordinarily have experience with, pointing to the platoon of armor soldiers as one example. "They're not usually dismounted," Freeman said of the Company B, 1-35th Armor, platoon. "But they may not have an armored vehicle available (in Kosovo), so they also have to practice dismounted infantry tactics."

As for the effectiveness of the training, the members of the platoon gave it a thumbs up. "I think everyone came out of it with a good feeling," said Spc. Keith Bender. "Instead of dragging, they've all been smiling." He also compared this training to the IRT he underwent in preparation for the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, concluding that "(this training) is a lot more personal ... a lot more individualized."

Bender's positive take on the experience was echoed by his platoon leader, 1st Lt. Michael Stone. "(IRT) was very valuable. It gave (the platoon) a first look at what they'll encounter down there ... now that they must change gears for a peacekeeping situation," he said.



Photo by Jennifer R. Babich

1st Lt. Michael Stone, Company B, 1-35th Armor, platoon leader, receives medical attention from Pfc. David Tolen during a simulated casualty exercise that was part of the unit's Individual Readiness Training.

## BCSC set to give money away

The Baumholder Community Service Club is now accepting applications for monetary assistance from Baumholder community organizations. The club had great support from the community last year and was able to disburse more than \$23,000 to various organizations in the Baumholder community.

Applications are reviewed and funds are distributed twice yearly. Presently, applications are being accepted through Oct. 17 for disbursement in November.

Members of the BCSC Welfare Committee will review applications and supporting documentation. Emphasis will be placed on learning how each organization has tried to

obtain funds, such as through group fund-raising. Consideration is also given to the donation's impact on the Baumholder community.

In past years donations have been made to organizations such as scout troops, elementary enrichment programs, sports teams, American Red Cross, Army Community Service, Child Development Services, the DARE program, and the health and dental clinics.

For more information or an application contact Tracey Rafferty at civ (06783) 186 343 or write to her at C/OBCSC Welfare Committee, HHB DIVARTY 1AD, Unit 23705 Box 152, APO AE 09034.

## Community prepares Hispanic events

What do a roast pig, a Jeopardy game and a live band have in common? Absolutely nothing, except that they are all part of the 222nd Base Support Battalion's upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month celebration beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Rheinlander.

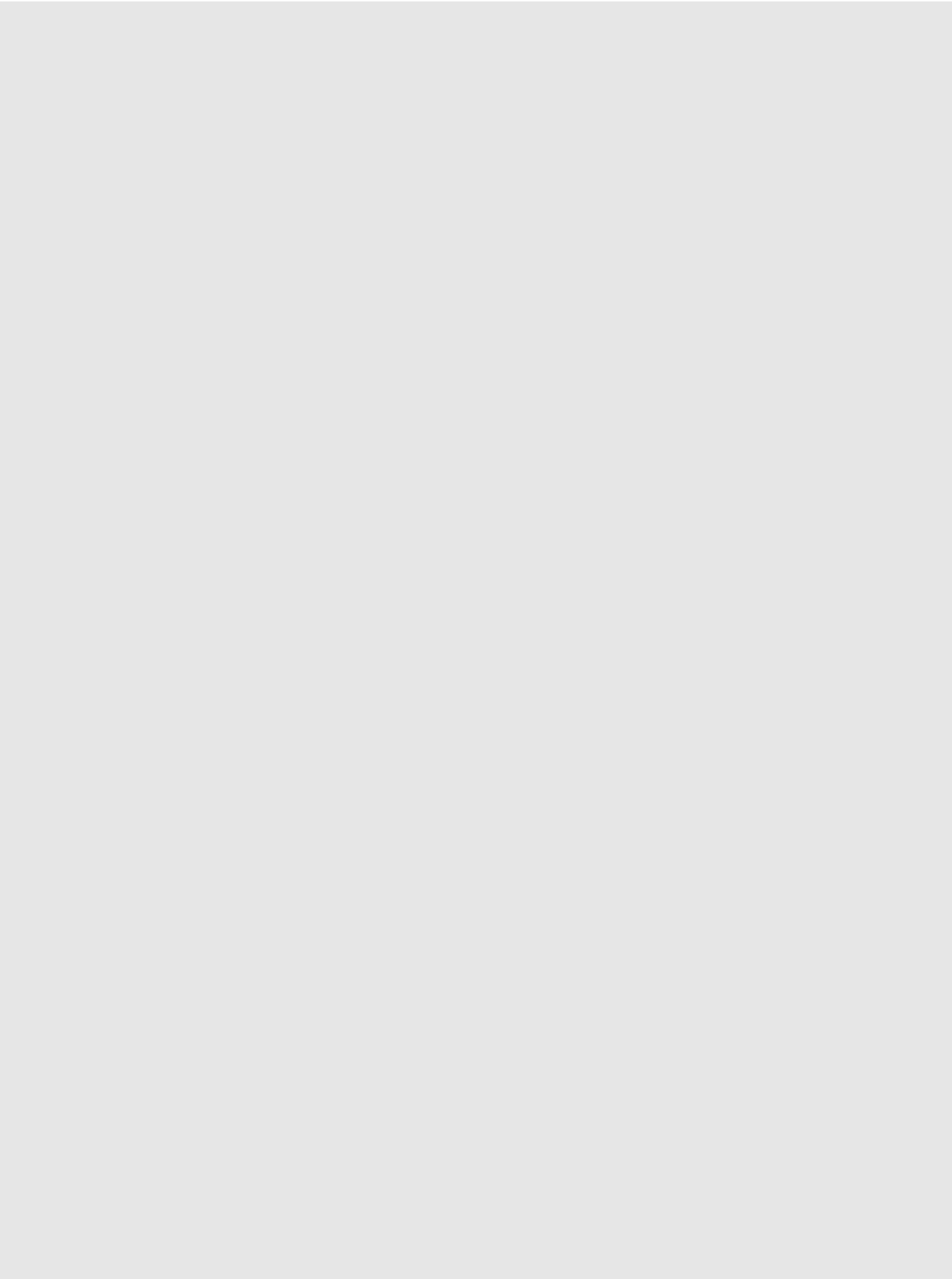
The 222nd BSB's Special Emphasis Program Committee along

with the 1st Armored Division will host this year's activities.

The Jeopardy competition will be for children and adults. Those interested in participating must contact Norm Estrada at mil 485-7540.

The food, entertainment, Jeopardy Contest and door prizes are all free of charge. There will also be a pinata contest for children.





# 284th BSB — Friedberg, Giessen



Katja Eaves waves the American flag in anticipation of her father's return from Macedonia. Photo above right: Spc. Michael Eaves hugs his wife Stacy and his children Jacob and Katja, upon his return from Macedonia.



Photos by Alexandra Williams

## 'Welcome back Iron Dukes'

About 50 community and family members gathered in the Friedberg Fitness Center around 11 p.m. Sept. 3 to welcome the initial forces of Task Force "Able Sentry," 2-37th Armor, back from their mission in Macedonia. One of the first family members arriving in the gym was Pfc. Temeka Maddox. She had returned from a deployment to Kosovo a few days earlier and was excited to finally see her husband Spc. Anthony Maddox of Headquarters and Headquarters Company again. The couple got married in December of last year and have only spent a few weeks together as a married couple. Lisa Fuller had some surprises awaiting her husband Sgt. Vincent Fuller. "Our two children have baked a cake for him, and I organized a cookout for Labor Day," she said. Three-year old Jacob Eaves anxiously awaited the return of his father, Spc. Michael Eaves. "My daddy and I are going to Disneyland, and I am looking forward to it," he said. When the soldiers finally marched into the gym around 1:30 a.m. all tiredness was gone. Families waited for the soldiers to be dismissed to be reunited with their loved ones.

## Deployment: *Home is where the heart is*

### Parent's attitude toward deployment has large impact on children

Commentary by Chaplain (Maj.) M. Peterson  
284th Base Support Battalion family life chaplain

A student of child development conducted a popular series of lectures on the "Ten Commandments of child-rearing." A couple years later he married and had a child. Not long afterwards he changed his lecture title to "Ten tips for parents."

Twelve months passed and he became the father of a second child. He revised his lecture series to "Some suggestions for parents."

After his third anniversary he became the father of a third child. When he was asked about his popular lecture series he said two words, "I've quit."

### Take a look at the big picture

As parents and adults we need to look at the big picture. We need to take a healthy look at child deployment issues in the broader family of origin, parental and educational system's context. Here are some principles I trust will help parents see beyond the immediate struggles they experience during times of deployment that affect the entire Army family. The quotations included are from clinical psychologist and

former member of the Armed Service Board, James Dobson.

Principle number one is, "The parent-child relationship is the first and most important social interaction an infant will have." In other words, many of the behavioral issues we see now in our child have developed for some time. Deployment time gives parents opportunities that they might not have had otherwise to spot these issues and get help before they take permanent root and impact lives.

Principle number two is, "Children and adults of all ages seek constant satisfaction of their emotional needs, including the desire for love, social acceptance and self-respect."

Almost all of the positive and negative response patterns we see at times of separation are directly connected to an underlying emotional need in the child or adult. It is possible, after thoughtful reflection, to change one's reaction to the troublesome behavior and to respond in a more positive, creative way. A solid therapeutic principle is that one cannot change one's own response patterns without changing the outcome and response pattern of the child. The emotional "system" of family members is dynamically connected.

### Fathers are important

Principle number three is rooted in the importance of fathers: "Not only are fathers needed to provide leadership and discipline during the elementary years, but they can be highly influential on their sons and daughters during the period of adolescent instability." And again, "The way a boy sees his father is largely a product of the things his mother says and the way

she feels." Over 80 percent of our force deployed are men, and many of those are fathers. Approximately 20 percent of those deployed are women, and many of those are mothers.

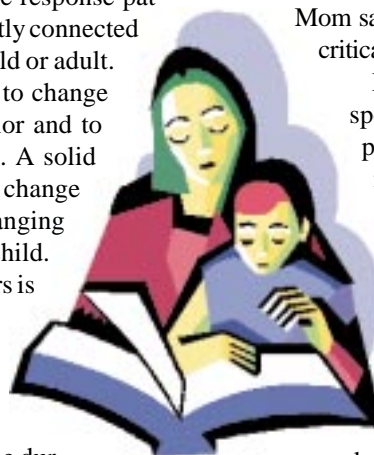
### Mom is irreplaceable

Having Dad away is an important event. Remember, some families don't have a dad. It is tough not having him there. However, most psychologists agree having Mom is irreplaceable. The point is this; Mom may know in her mind that Dad is gone for a worthy and noble cause, but her heart tells another story. It is possible for a woman to understand all about the briefing slides that tell her of the important work Dad's doing, but still be bitter and angry inside. What Mom says and does at times like these is absolutely critical to her family's well-being.

Do her words and actions say she has respect and admiration for her man or are there periods of bitter reproach and anger for "the mess he's left us in again"? What Mom says and how Mom acts at times like these will impart to her children their idea of who Dad really is — the "noble warrior" who sacrifices for others or the "bum who left us high and dry."

I'll have more to say in my next article on how we can weather the difficult times of deployment. Meanwhile parent, marriage and family life classes are available for groups. Anyone interested or in need of support can contact me in Giessen at mil 343-7797/8020.

No one must feel alone during this deployment — let's do it together.





# Sports and leisure



Photos by Karl Weisel

## Burning down the house at the Battle of the Bands

Büdingen's "Six Pack Lady Killers," (alias Spc. Vaughn Dalton, Spc. John Dziewit and Staff Sgt. Aaron Allen) rock the crowd on their way to first place at the U.S. Army Europe Battle of the Bands at Hanau's State Fair on Campo Pond Sept. 2. The Büdingen band, along with Hanau's "Grieve" (second place — with band members George and Sgt. Lori Kruse, Sgt. Jason Wolfe and Spc. John Morton) and possibly Hanau's "Distorted Soul" (third, above right — band members Pfc. Darlene Wiseman, Pvt. 2 Carl Franke, Cpl. Justin Allen, Spc. Andrew Hallenback and Sgt. Bryan Thelen) will represent USAREUR at the All-Army Battle of the Bands in Washington, D.C. Nov. 17 and 18. Nine

groups from all over USAREUR competed in the 20th anniversary USAREUR Battle of the Bands. In addition to cleaning up in the band categories, Hanau's Spc. Rafael Simmons took home best vocalist honors. Several local performers also took home trophies from USAREUR's Countdown To Stardom Entertainment Contest Sept. 3 at the State Fair. Wiesbaden's Spike Richardson earned second place in the Instrumental Solo category. Simmons teamed up with Sgt. Laura Bybee in the vocal duet category and will get a chance to represent USAREUR at the all-Army level competition Nov. 18 in Washington, D.C.

## Sports shorts

### Winter bowling leagues

The 414th Base Support Battalion Hanau Area Bowling Association will soon start its three winter leagues — Wednesday Night Mixed, Friday Night Mixed and Friday Night Men's. Bowlers are welcome to join all three leagues. There is also a King and Queen of the Hill event every third Sunday of the month starting in October. Register at the Hessen Bowl in the Wolfgang Shopping Center. Call mil 322-8638 or civ (06181) 88-8636.

### Gymnastics for youths

Wiesbaden Youth Services now offers gymnastics classes for youths age 6 and above. Call civ (0611) 705-5650 or mil 337-5650 for information.

### High school sports action

Fall sports are in full swing at local Department of Defense Dependents Schools throughout the 104th Area Support Group. Football teams opened their seasons with games Sept. 9 and continue through Nov. 11. Other sports include golf, tennis, volleyball and cross country. Call your local school for a complete schedule of upcoming games, matches and meets.

## Leisure tips

### Calling all square dancers

The German-American Petticoat Flippers square dance club hosts an **evening of dancing** with Hanau's Golden Squares Oct. 2 at the Bürgerhaus Hanau. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. with dancing getting under way at 7 p.m. Call Kathy König at civ (06184) 53656 for details.

### One act comedies

Wiesbaden's **Amelia Earhart Playhouse** presents "An Evening of One Act Comedies" Sept. 28-30, Oct. 12-14 and 19-21 at 8 p.m. Featured works include Neil Simon's "Visitor From Forest Hills, Plaza Suite Act III," Alan Ayckbourn's "Absurd Person Singular Act II," David Ives' "The Philadelphia" and J.J. Walz' "Dementia Praecox." Pick up tickets at the USO Stores at the Hainerberg Shopping Center or Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Call civ (0611) 731 301 or 705-5806.

**Hanau's Five Pfennig Theater** features "Repeat and Revue," an evening of one-act plays and a Broadway musical revue Sept. 21-23 and 28-30. Call mil 322-9035/9031 for tickets.

### Oppenheim concerts

Dexheim residents may want to stop by Oppenheim Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. to hear the **Stadtkapelle Oppenheim** (city band) perform a free concert on the Marktplatz. Other upcoming city-sponsored events include a performance by the **Lyra Music Group** Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. on the Marktplatz and a double choir concert by the **Rhein Hessischen Kantorei** Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. in Oppenheim's Katharinenkirche.

### Michelstadt markets

The medieval town of Michelstadt in the Odenwald holds two special market weekends Oct. 7-8 and 28-29. **Traditional goods and handicrafts** will be featured the first weekend. **Handmade paper, printing, book-making** and more will be featured Oct. 28-29. Hands-on displays include origami and more.

## Going the distance: Local runners prove their mettle at Berlin Marathon

By Karl Weisel  
Staff writer

What do you do in your free time? How about run over 42 kilometers — just for the fun of it?

Several members of the 104th Area Support Group joined the over 30,000 runners, inline skaters, wheelchair racers and power walkers from some 85 nations in Berlin Sept. 10 for the city's annual marathon.

"I had a blast," said Sgt. Ronald Dennis, 104th ASG Directorate of Public Works noncommissioned officer in charge. "It was a personal achievement for me. It was a very good experience — painful, but good."

Dennis, who ran the 42.195-kilometer race through the streets of Berlin in four hours and 47 minutes, said he had run shorter distances in the past, but this was his first marathon. "It was very fulfilling. The atmosphere is incredible with people lined up cheering us on for 26 miles. It was also very well organized."



Photo by Christopher Osterlund

Hanau's Janice Erickson (from left), Christine Brown and Colleen Christman race with fellow runners at the Berlin Marathon Sept. 10.

"We got to see a lot of historical sites as we ran," said Sammie Truelove, chief of the 104th ASG's Plans and Operations Division for the Directorate of Logistics. "It was a great experience."

Truelove, who finished in four hours and 39 minutes, referred to the race as the "agony of the feet and other body parts. About the 25-K mark I knew I wasn't going to make it. But then I made it to the 30-K mark in three hours and seven minutes," he said.

After walking for about 15 minutes, Truelove said, "it was the hardest thing in the world to start running again. ... I knew if I stopped it would be over. I had cramps in my feet, but I never did actually stop."

A first-time marathon runner, Truelove said the Berlin spectators were a very positive influence. "The way that a lot of folks made it was because of the crowd — there was a lot of motivation on the sidelines. ... It was a great event. I would definitely do it again."

"My biggest goal was to run the entire thing and just finish. It was a personal challenge," said Susan Osterland, a logistics management specialist with the 104th ASG's Directorate of Logistics, who finished in four hours and 56 minutes. "I was extremely happy."

"It was my first one and I was pretty much overwhelmed," she added. "It was extremely crowded — very intimidating."

Osterland, who trains regularly with several fellow runners in the Hanau area and invited others interested in staying in shape to join her "Just Us" group, said the experience was a chance to explore Berlin. "I'd never been there before. We went straight to the Hard Rock Cafe and stayed in a hotel in old East Berlin."

Simon Biwott, from Kenya, was the fastest runner with a time of 2:07:42. American Chad Hedrick was the fastest inline skater, finishing in 1:01:45.



## Community spotlight

### Get informed at CIB

Every last Thursday of the month the 284th Base Support Battalion will hold a **Community Information Briefing** at the Alpine Club on the Giessen Depot starting at 9:30 a.m. All community members are invited to receive first-hand information from the BSB commander and representatives of various agencies. The next CIB will be held Sept. 28.

### Bulk trash pickup

Items no longer needed such as household and lawn furniture, rugs, baby carriages, mattresses, bed frames, wood items, mirrors, window glass, electronic equipment and bicycles without tires can be disposed of as bulk trash. The next **bulk trash pickup** for all housing areas in the 284th Base Support Battalion is Oct. 2. Residents are requested to keep their neighborhood clean and put out the items the day before pickup and not earlier. Bulk trash can also be dropped off at the Giessen Depot Recycling Center located at the end of "Motor Pool Road." The center is open Mondays 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

### Arts, crafts open houses

Arts and Crafts has scheduled open houses for Giessen and Friedberg with crafts demonstrations and tours of the facilities. The **Giessen Open House** will take place Sept. 23 from noon to 4 p.m. in Building 47 on the Giessen Depot. The **Friedberg Open House** is scheduled for Sept. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. in Building

3627 on Ray Barracks. Refreshments will be offered, and discount coupons for custom photography and custom framing will be given away.

### Army Community Service

Join Army Community Service for an adventure through your community. **Newcomer Orientation Welcome** classes are offered in Friedberg Sept. 19-21. This program provides newcomers with the tools needed to get out and about and to make this the best tour ever.

The next **Hearts Apart** get-together is scheduled for Sept. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Friedberg. This is an opportunity for spouses of deployed soldiers to share experiences and enjoy mutual support. Children are welcome.

For details on any of these programs call Giessen at mil 343-7618 or Friedberg at mil 324-3465.

### Hearts and Hands Community Club



The Hearts and Hands Community Club will be conducting the second annual **Coat Drive**. Children grow but coats don't. Donate outgrown coats at your nearest thrift shop or elementary school. Coats will be available at local elementary schools in October. Donations will be taken through Sept. 30. All leftover coats will be donated to charity. Call Tracy McClung at civ (0641) 490 540 or mil 343-8311.

### Health Clinic update

Beginning in October the Butzbach Health

Clinic will offer vasectomy appointments on Fridays. Call mil 345-4060 for details.

### New Butzbach social worker

The Butzbach Clinic welcomes Linda Kelly to the Social Work Section. She will work closely with Shirley Ross and the clinic staff to meet the needs of the community. For more information regarding services offered contact the front desk or Kelly directly at mil 345-4038.

### Clinic, commissary closures

The **Butzbach Health Clinic** will be closed Oct. 6 for training and Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day. The **commissary** in Giessen will be closed Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day and will be open for regular business on Wednesday Oct. 11 to avoid the three-consecutive day closure.

### Limited service

Detachment C, 39th Finance, will have limited services during a battalion field training exercise Sept. 26-28. For details call mil 343-6417.

### Parents Night Out

So you want to spend an evening out with your spouse or friends but don't really want to hire a babysitter? The Family Support Division offers a **special child care** rate on Sept. 29. Pay for two hours of child care and get two hours for free. Children must be registered with Central Enrollment and prepaid two weeks prior to each special child care session. Call civ (0641) 402-8216 or mil 343-8216 for more information.

### Red Cross update

The Red Cross office in Giessen welcomes

Stephanie Wooten and Vickie Hunter. Wooten is the new station chairperson and signed up as a volunteer. Hunter is the new honorary station adviser. Red Cross is still **looking for volunteers** to fill the health and safety coordinator and record chairperson positions. **CPR/CFAS classes** are offered every second Wednesday of the month. The Friedberg office has **new hours of operation**. It's now open very Tuesday and Thursday of the first and last week of each month from 1-3 p.m. Anyone interested in **becoming an instructor** for the Red Cross can call mil 343-1760.

### Fall fair in Giessen

The Giessen **Herbstmesse** takes place Sept. 30 to Oct. 8 at the Messeplatz near the Schwanenlake in Giessen. Experience German food specialties, enjoy the rides and relax with friends.

### Teen dance at Butzbach YS

Butzbach Youth Services hosts a Teen Dance Sept. 30 from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$4 per child. The dance is open to youths ages 11-18. All teens participating must be registered with Central Enrollment. Call civ (06033) 73048 for information.

### Job openings

Child and Youth Services have **job openings** in their facilities now. Jobs are daytime only; there will be no night or weekend work. CYS offers paid training. Pay starts at \$7.47 per hour with a 20 percent discount on child care for your own children included. For more information call the NAF Civilian Personnel Office at civ (0641) 402-8619 or mil 343-8619.

## Make school safety come first

Capt. Michael W. Johns, 284th Base Support Battalion provost marshal, and Siegfried Klabunde, German police liaison officer, recently informed Giessen Elementary School children and their parents about the importance of school safety.

With the start of darker fall and winter days it's vital that children wear light clothing, attach reflectors to their school bag, look both ways before crossing a street and



only cross streets at marked pedestrian crosswalks at all times.

Parents were also reminded to never overestimate their child's reasoning, curiosity and natural need for movement.

Sometime during the current

school year, the German police, in conjunction with the provost marshal, will conduct bicycle safety training for elementary school students.

The dates will be announced. This training will teach children

to become better acquainted with German traffic signs and regulations and teach them how to ride a bike.

Upon completion of the training the students will receive a bicycle li-

cense.

"This will be great experience for the children. They will have lots of fun while receiving training on what to do in different situations while riding their bikes," said Johns.

### Observe extra precautions when driving

## Coping with fall and fog season

By Alexandra Williams

284th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

After a short summer, fall is rapidly approaching. Autumn can be a visual feast, but along with the ever-changing colors come shorter days, more rain and driving in fog.

This means drivers need to exercise careful driving during the periods of lessened visibility — day and night. To be prepared drivers should know how to react properly when fog prevails.

"Fog calls for reduced speed," said Helmut Schartel, 284th Base Support Battalion safety specialist.

"Fall weather conditions can vary from drizzle, rain, sleet to even some snow. Wet road conditions increase the stopping distance," Schartel said.

Along with keeping a safe distance from the driver in front, following are some of the most important steps for driving safety:

Check the car's lights and the

turn signals before driving should become a daily habit. Headlights should not only be turned on at night but also when it is dark during the day. "It may not help to see any better, but it may help other drivers to see you, and this can prevent accidents," said Schartel.

He also pointed out the importance of immediately switching to low beams when meeting another vehicle. Should the other driver fail to respond one should never be tempted to switch back to high beams as this can cause the other driver to be momentarily blinded and swerve into you.

Passing other drivers should only be done when one is absolutely certain the way is clear of

oncoming traffic. Never pass in fog.

When driving also always keep an eye out for pedestrians. People walking often pull up their coat collars in rainy weather and take cover behind umbrellas reducing their field of vision.

"When passing pedestrians one should always keep an eye on them and be ready to brake or tap the horn as a reminder you are there," said Schartel.

"The key to (staying safe during) the weeks to come is to slow down, keep (a safe) distance from other vehicles and to use your lights. Also watch for tractors pulling out of fields.

"Following these rules will help to make fall a safe season," he said.

**For more information check out the 284th Base Support Battalion's home page at [www.giessen.army.mil](http://www.giessen.army.mil).**



# 410th BSB — Bad Kreuznach, Dexheim



*Editor's note: With the impending closure of Bad Kreuznach's military facilities in December 2001, the Herald Union is celebrating more than 50 years of German-American friendship in the community with*

*historical articles and photos in "Through the Years." This, Part VIII in the ongoing series, describes Bad Kreuznach's legacy of military influence from Roman times to the present day. — Deborah Powers*

## History of military influence helps shape city's character

Since its earliest recorded history, Bad Kreuznach has had a legacy of military influence that has shaped its character to the present day. Here's a look back at its development through time.

### Roman times through the Middle Ages

During Roman times Bad Kreuznach and its surrounding area appeared to be a major military crossroad settlement. Romans used the area as a logistics depot for fortifications along the Rhein River. During the Middle Ages, Germanic tribes replaced the Romans.

### The Reformation and the Thirty Years' War

The Reformation swept through the region during the first part of the 16th century and had a devastating impact on the area.

The new Protestant faith was spread locally from Ebernburg, a hilltop castle across the river from Bad Münster am Stein. Ebernburg sheltered prominent Protestant reformers and continued to play a vital role in the new religious movement for many years to come.

The mounting tensions between the Protestants and Catholics resulted in the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). Germany became the focal battleground for religious and political forces from all over Europe, and its inhabitants suffered greatly.

The Kreuznach area was also entangled in the fighting. During the 30-year struggle, the town was conquered and reconquered by forces of Swedes, the Holy Roman Empire, the Spaniards, and finally, the French.

While the town was struggling to overcome the ravages of the Thirty Years' War, devastation struck in the form of the plague

in 1666. The disease swept through the region, claiming the lives of 1,400 Kreuznachers.

Immediately thereafter, this area, referred to as the Palatinate, fell victim to the dynastic ambitions of the French Sun King Louis XIV. From 1667–1697 this region's landscape was devastated in three wars of conquest.

By the turn of the 17th century, Kreuznach was left in total ruin. Its buildings, fortified walls, towers and churches were destroyed. It was not until 1780 that the town again approached its medieval size of 3,500 inhabitants.

### The French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars

During the French Revolution (1789–1799), and the ensuing wars of Napoleon (to 1815), the Palatinate again succumbed to French control. A French municipal government was established in Kreuznach after 1795. Although financially burdensome, the new French regime also brought a number of advantages.

A new civil law, the Code Napoleon, was introduced and remained in effect until 1900. The new government abolished guilds and unwise customs and tolls, and established a uniform monetary system.

With the defeat of Napoleon at Leipzig and Waterloo, the Rhineland-Palatinate, and with it the town of Kreuznach, came under the control of the rising German superstate: Brandenburg-Prussia.

The course of the 19th century saw the coming of the Industrial Revolution — and the railroad — to Kreuznach. The completion of the Rhein-Nahe line, and the subsequent political and economic unification of Germany under Bismarck after the Franco-Prussian War in 1871, made business flourish.



1st Armored Division soldiers pass by the main gate of present-day Rose Barracks in Bad Kreuznach. In 1951 the U.S. 2nd Armored Division took over the post — then called Hindenburg Kaserne — and renamed it Maurice Rose Kaserne in honor of Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, a hero of World War II. The post has served as the 1st AD's headquarters since Jan. 17, 1992.

Photo by Spc. Rebecca F. Deuel, 1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office

Among the new industries were a chemical plant (Dr. Jacob), a machine factory (Seitz-Werke) and later an optical works (Schneider).

### The World Wars

With the outbreak of World War I the recently constructed Kurhaus became the command center for the German Supreme Headquarters of Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1917 and 1918. Other hotels and resort facilities were used by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff and the general staff.

After Germany's defeat in 1918, Gen. Marquin, commanding general of the 10th French Army, and his staff set up quarters in the Kurhaus. French troops occupied Bad Kreuznach and the rest of the Rhineland until 1930. They built the town's first barracks, Des Gouttes Kaserne, later renamed John W. Minick Kaserne under American control.

In the years following World War I political unrest, spiraling inflation and mass unemployment paved the way for Adolf Hitler's rise to power in early 1933.

After Hitler's remilitarization of the Rhineland in 1936, the present Rose Barracks — originally named Hindenburg Kaserne — was constructed. The town became the home of an infantry regiment in 1937. The Kurhaus again served as headquarters for a major army command, this time under Field Marshal von Witzleben who was later implicated in

the July 20, 1944, plot to assassinate Hitler.

Bad Kreuznach was badly damaged by a number of air raids in the last months of the war. In March 1945 elements of Gen. George Patton's Third Army took Bad Kreuznach. The American units, however, were replaced by French occupation troops in June and July of that year.

### The U.S. Army returns

The four-zone political division of occupied Germany in 1945 made the town of Bad Kreuznach part of the newly formed state of Rhineland Pfalz, then part of the French zone of occupation.

In 1951 after political boundaries between the three western zones had been eliminated and a new self-governing German federal republic had been created the U.S. Army returned to Rhineland-Pfalz, and to Bad Kreuznach.

The U.S. 2nd Armored Division took over what was once the Hindenburg Kaserne, and renamed it Maurice Rose Kaserne in honor of Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, a hero of World War II.

In 1957 the 2nd Armored Division was replaced by the 8th Infantry Division. Jan. 17, 1992, marked a significant day in the reshaping of the U.S. Army when the 8th ID cased its colors and was redesignated as the 1st Armored Division.

## Devastation in Turkey motivates BK students to take action

**By Elyce Franks**

410th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Sometimes it takes a devastating event to make people realize how much they really have and be grateful for it. The earthquakes that shattered so many lives in Turkey last year had that impact on Bad Kreuznach students, and it motivated them to collect more than \$650 to aid the traumatized earthquake victims.

Bad Kreuznach Elementary and High School students spent several months collecting small change and coordi-

nating a raffle that brought together the Americans, Germans and Turks of Bad Kreuznach. The schools were recently recognized for their students' actions and participation with certificates of appreciation from Diane Fowler, director of family support in Izmir, Turkey.

Vicdan Kittelson, who has been a resident of BK for more than 24 years, was the action officer for the disaster-relief effort. Kittelson was born in Izmir, the epicenter of the first earthquake and where more than 17,000 people died and thousands more were left homeless.

"I went home this summer and the town is still far from being recovered. It will take a couple of years to get the

buildings torn down and new ones built," Kittelson said. "The long-term effects are harder to recover from than then material damage. You could see a change in people's personalities."

Immediately after the earthquakes, Kittelson suggested the idea of disaster relief to the schools' staff. At the elementary school, they decided to collect small change. Each class was provided with an empty one-liter water bottle and students were asked to bring in small change from home. Although they requested just pfennigs — 10 pfennigs or less — they received both Deutsche marks and

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## Briefly noted

### Girl Scouts hold open house

The Girl Scouts invite the community to their Open House Sept. 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the Scout Hut on Rose Barracks. Girls from kindergarten through 12th grade interested in joining the scouts are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Lyna Tucker at civ (0671) 896 3140 or Susanne Romesburg at civ (06703) 941 580.

### Reduced hours at clinic

Due to mandatory training the Dexheim Health Clinic will have reduced hours Sept. 27, open only from 2-4 p.m. The pharmacy and laboratory will be open. A change-of-command ceremony Sept. 29 will also affect hours: the clinic will only be open from 7-9 a.m. for active duty sick call. For emergencies that arise when the clinic is closed, call an ambulance; for non-emergency acute injury or illness, go to the Mainz Uni-Klinik or Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

### Race 10 kilometers at Kuhberg

A 10-kilometer Fall Run will be held Sept. 23 at Kuhberg Park. Registration is 9-10:30 a.m.; the race starts at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$10 or DM 20. T-shirts will be given to each participant and awards will go to the top three finishers in each division. Call the Bad Kreuznach Sports Office at civ (0671) 609-6177 for more information.

### New story hour at Rose Library

Starting Sept. 21, Rose Library in Bad Kreuznach will sponsor a Story Hour Program for pre-school children (ages 2-5) every Thursday from 10-11 a.m. For more information call civ (0671) 609-1740/6448.

### 'Lollypops' on stage Sept. 24

Sounding Cymbal Playhouse Theater, in conjunction with the 410th Base Support Battalion, presents "What's Your Flavor" Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at Kuhberg Theater in Bad Kreuznach. Admission is free. The play centers around the "Lollypops," a four-member hip-hop/gospel singing group.

### PTSA looking for president

The Parent Teacher Student Association is looking for a president and publicity chairperson. Contact Vicdan Kittelson at civ (06708) 3889 for details.

## Fiestas feature free DoD show

Compiled by Deborah L. Powers

410th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

For more than 20 years a week had been set aside to honor the contributions of Hispanic-Americans. But then Congress made a change in the late 1980s.

"Realizing that a week was not enough to recognize Hispanic achievements and contributions, Congress voted in 1989 to expand this week to a monthlong celebration," said Barbara Quillin, Special Emphasis program manager for the 410th Base Support Battalion Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

Thereafter, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 was designated national Hispanic Heritage Month.

The observance covers significant dates for several Hispanic countries, according to Quillin.

On Sept. 15, for example, five Hispanic countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua — celebrate their independence from Spain.

Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence Sept. 16 and 18, respectively. And in the United States, Spain and Puerto Rico, Oct. 12 is a national holiday, Quillin added.

Locally, the communities of Bad Kreuznach and Dexheim will recognize Hispanic Heritage Month with the following events:



Courtesy photo

Christine Trujillo will be the guest speaker Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. at Rose Theater in Bad Kreuznach.

### Bad Kreuznach

- Through Oct. 15 Rose Library is featuring a **book and video display** pertaining to Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central American and South American heritage. Call the library at civ (0671) 609-1740/6448 for more information.

- Bad Kreuznach's last annual **Fiesta Grande** will be held Sept. 23 starting at 6 p.m. at the Nahe Club. There will be ethnic food and drinks; games; Panamanian folkloric

dancers; and activities for kids, including four candy-filled pinatas. Musical entertainment will be provided both by a DJ and the band "Hot Molina" — a Department of Defense show.

Hot Molina's repertoire includes merengue, salsa, cumbia, banda, pop and rhumba. They perform hits from Selena, Marc Anthony, Los Lobos, Elvis Crespo, Celia Cruz, Ricky Martin and other famous artists. The DoD show starts at 9 p.m. For more information contact Bill Elbersen at mil 490-5378 or civ (0671) 792-378 or Barbara Quillin at mil 490-5905/5903 or civ (0671) 792-905/903.

- The 1st Armored Division and the 410th Base Support Battalion will participate in a **Commemorative Ceremony** observing Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. in Rose Theater. All community members are encouraged to attend.

The guest speaker will be Christine Trujillo, a 20-year veteran teacher who was appointed to the U.S. Senate Hispanic Advisory Task Force.

Trujillo is also a member of the Hispanic Round Table and the New Mexico State School Board. Trujillo is a leader in her community through her advocacy for social, economic and political empowerment of Hispanic women. As an educator, she makes an effort to ensure that her students, colleagues and community take pride in the Spanish language, the art and the culture.

### Dexheim

- The Rheinlander Club hosts an **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** Sept. 26 starting at noon with Hispanic food samples and the band "Hot Molina" — a Department of Defense show. For more information call mil 334-5712 or civ (06133) 69-712.

- The Dexheim Child Development Center will hold an **Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon** Sept. 22 starting at 11:30 a.m. Call the center at mil 334-5667 or civ (06133) 69-667 for more information.

- Dexheim's annual **Latina Fiesta** will be held Sept. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. at Dexheim Youth Services. All community members are invited to the celebration to enjoy the assortment of ethnic food — including a roasted pig — as well as Flamenco and folkloric dancers, a pinata contest and other games.

- The Dexheim Library is featuring a **Hispanic Heritage book and bulletin-board display** through Sept. 30.



## U.S. soldiers take on German reservist challenge

By Elyce Franks

410th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Most people spend their weekends with families or kicking back at home. Tactical maneuvers, land navigation and first aid are the furthest things from their minds. But three local soldiers chose to spend one Saturday last month refreshing old skills and learning new ones at a German Army Reserve Partnership Competition.

Staff Sgt. Luis Hernandez, Sgt. Dave Hollowich and Sgt. Loring Laven, all of the 410th Base Support Battalion Provost Marshal Office, participated in the all-day competition held at the Schmittenhohe Pfaffendorf Training Area on Gneisenau Kaserne in Koblenz. The MPs — the only team of Americans who took part in the event — won second place overall.

Twenty three-member teams participated in the taxing competition that demanded not only physical adeptness, but mental skills as well.

The competition was broken into an obstacle course, weapons firing, map reading, land navigation, first aid, tank destruction, road marching and direct fire reacting.

"The biggest obstacle we had was language. If (we) had an interpreter we would have won first place," team leader Hernandez said. "We would compete in an event and then go to a station for an after-action review and receive our scores. Then we would have to run to our next event and do it without any English instructions. That was our biggest challenge."

Hernandez said his favorite event was the weapons firing. The soldiers competed on a simulated computerized battlefield with each soldier shooting a German machine gun, a German rifle and a German rocket launcher. Although the U.S. team didn't score very well in this event, they all enjoyed the experience of firing German weapons, Hernandez said.

The Americans excelled in the first aid competition, however. A scenario was fabricated with a fellow soldier hurt and another possibly fatally wounded. The soldiers had

to render aid, avoid fire and evacuate the victims. Timing was essential, as the final score was based on how long the entire maneuver took to accomplish.

As Hernandez ran through the "jungle" he tripped and dropped his wounded victim, but was able to scoop her up and continue running to safety, finishing the event in first place overall.

The most interesting and unfamiliar event, according to Hernandez, was when teams were ordered to destroy a tank using all available resources: glass bottles, diesel, gasoline, other petroleum products, rags and a lighter.

One of the last events of the competition consisted of a nearly six-mile road march. The teams were given a map — but no compass or protractor — and were told to go to a particular point and provide support to a facility under enemy attack. The team was pointed in the right direction and told to complete the task as quickly as possible.

The MP team soon found themselves running along the Autobahn and trying to

cross as safely as possible, Hernandez recalled.

With only water at the checkpoints and no food since breakfast this — the last event of the day — proved to be challenging. Team members suffered sprained ankles and mild dehydration, but were able to score the best and fastest time for this part of the competition.

"It was very different from an American event, but it was a lot of fun. I am glad we did it," said Hernandez. "Teamwork was the key factor for the competition — that, and a high degree of motivation."

Staff Sgt. Timothy Spain, 410th BSB PMO operations sergeant, chose the team members based on military experience, expertise and length of service.

"I'm very proud that the team took second place with limited amounts of research and training," Spain said. "The team was self-motivated and showed esprit de corps. They represented the 410th BSB and the military police corps with professionalism and the expertise expected of all soldiers."



## Thrift Shop's new location 'bigger, brighter, more accessible'

Story and photo by Deborah L. Powers  
410th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

In just three hours on Aug. 26 the entire Bad Kreuznach Thrift Shop was emptied of its contents. Everything from



Janeen Eason tries on a formal gown at the BK Thrift Shop Sept. 7. "It's beautiful," Eason said as she checked her reflection in the mirror. With her birthday coming up, she imagined wearing it for a "romantic, candlelit dinner."

racks of clothing, electronics and toys to heavy display cases and countertops was loaded into trucks, cars and vans. Fortunately, it wasn't a matter for the Military Police: Community members were pitching in to move the shop to its new location in Building 5695.

After all the merchandise was in its proper place the volunteers movers snacked on grilled hot dogs, chips and other goodies — all donated by the community members who assisted that day.

The relocation effort "went like clockwork," according to Thrift Shop manager Valerie Smith.

"I was almost in tears when I saw how many people turned out to help — the Boy Scouts, kids, civilians, husbands, spouses, complete families — there must have been 40 people here. ... I was speechless," Smith said.

The store had to be moved because it occupied a much-needed storage area for residents of Building 5608. But since the old store was in cramped, dingy quarters that weren't handicapped accessible, Smith was more than willing to relocate. "In fact I couldn't wait to come over here," she said.

"Here there's more space, it's brighter, more cheerful and far more accessible. It's really customer-friendly now," added volunteer Sidona Kellogg. The addition of a break room and restroom for workers were also added bonuses, she said.

Customers seem to agree with Kellogg's assessment. "I really like it — it's a great improvement. It's spacious and it looks cleaner, more open and brighter," said customer Cindy Wetzel as she scanned the store. "It's so much nicer — it's not as cluttered," added Wendy Knight.

Making the store more organized was one of Smith's main objectives for the new location.

"Nobody wants to come in and pick through boxes of filthy, nasty garbage; they want it to be almost like going to a department store where they're getting a big discount. And that's exactly what I think it's starting to look like," she said.

At the front of the store is a new "crafters' corner" that neatly displays homemade creations. Volunteer Kristy Gomez

spruced up the area by adding colorful stenciling on the wall.

"Crafters absolutely love the new section. They all say that people can actually see their crafts now instead of being piled up in the corner," Smith said.

Beyond the crafts are consignment areas with clothing, toys, linens, household decorative items, appliances, luggage and furniture. In the back, a Thrift Shop property section of donated items includes additional clothing, appliances, dishware and toys.

Although the official grand opening will be held Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the store is currently open Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is closed American holidays. If the first Saturday of the month is a holiday, it opens the second Saturday instead, Smith noted.

Consignments are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays until 1 p.m.; contact the store for its consignment policy. Consignors receive 80 percent of the sale price. The remaining 20 percent is funneled back into the

community by Bad Kreuznach Community Club, which sponsors the store, in the form of scholarships or other community service programs.

"Bag sales" are normally featured on the first Saturday of the month, when customers can stuff a paper bag with as many specially marked TSP-ticket items as possible and pay just \$3 for the whole bag.

Those who volunteer 10 or more hours a month at the store receive added incentives, including 50 percent off all TSP items, the option of consigning 20 items at one time, no withdrawal fee, a 90 percent commission, the first pick of merchandise, and the option of check-payment for purchases.

Current volunteers enthusiastically praise the facility.

"It's just like a family. Everyone gets along; it's a nice atmosphere," said full-time volunteer Tondra Madison. "Every time you come in, somebody's always smiling to greet you. Nobody's here with a bad mood; I like that," she said.

For more information contact the Thrift Shop at civ (0671) 609-6201.

**The Thrift Shop's official Grand Opening will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. featuring a sale and refreshments.**

## Students take action.....

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quarters which were also gladly accepted, Kittelson said.

The high school went directly to the community for their fund-raising effort. First the students approached local businesses and asked for donations for a raffle. Then they sold tickets to community members for chances to win a DM 50 certificate to a local Turkish restaurant, a free haircut or free doner kebabs.

"I am so proud of the students. This was their project, and they deserve all the recognition and praise. ... I just helped coordinate it," Kittelson said.

She and her three teen-age children collected the money from the schools and took it to a local bank for counting.

"The change was so heavy. My son and one of his friends helped me carry it and we couldn't believe how much it all weighed," she said.

The money — over \$650 in all — was sent to the 425th Air Base Support Izmir Family Support Center in

Turkey where supplies were purchased.

"The center bought whatever was most needed at the time. I know they bought hygiene products, diapers, water and blankets. We sent them the money instead of supplies because they can buy more there with our money than we can buy here," she said.

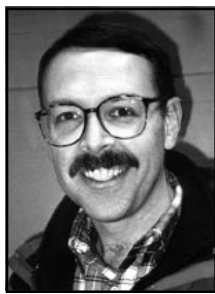
Although the school fund-raiser

is behind her, Kittelson is still helping to raise money for Turkey earthquake relief. Currently, she is actively involved in a project between the Turkish and German communities to raise money to rebuild an elementary/middle school in Golcuk, Turkey, the headquarters of the Turkish Navy. They have raised DM 780,000, but still need DM 400,000 more.

If you would like to know more about how you can help victims of these earthquakes call Vicdan Kittelson at civ (06708) 3889.

# Take a hike

By Donald Seltzer  
Staff writer



Full listings of volksmarch events in the 104th Area Support Group may be found on the web at [104thasg.hanau.army.mil](http://104thasg.hanau.army.mil). Readers are asked, whenever possible, to pick up an extra set of event brochures for this column and mail them to 104th ASG, Herald Union Volksmarch Column, Unit 20193 Box 0001, APO AE 09165-0001.

## Weekend of Sept. 23-24

**Münster** — This walk, east of Limburg, will be rather scenic as trails wind through the Naturpark Hochtaunus. Volksmarchers with quick access to Autobahn 3 will find this walk within a reasonable driving time. Follow Autobahn 3 toward Limburg, exiting in the direction of Bad Camberg. Pick up B-8, head north to Limburg and turn off at Oberbrechen to follow unnumbered roads to Weyer and Münster.

**Start:** Mehrzweckhalle **Trail:** Fairly hilly routes in wooded areas **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 & 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 & 20 km) **Award:** Ceramic juice pitcher.

## Weekend of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

**Berschweiler bei Kirn** — This walk is just northeast of Idar-Oberstein. Drivers will find the start by heading toward Bad Kreuznach on B-41 and connecting with an unnumbered road leading to Niederwörresbach. After a very short distance, turn off on another road at Fischbach that will take you to Berschweiler.

**Start:** Gasthaus Schmidhöfer **Trail:** Hilly routes in wooded areas and fields **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. (5 & 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 & 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Award:**

Decorative clock.

**Schmitt-Hunoldstal** — This walk is northwest of Bad Homburg in the Naturpark Hochtaunus, offering participants very scenic trails. Drivers should use Autobahn 3 toward Limburg. Take the Idstein exit and follow B-275 toward Usingen. The start at Hunoldstal is about two miles south of Merzhausen on an unnumbered road.

**Start:** Schützenhaus **Trail:** Hilly wandering through wooded areas and fields **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 & 20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 & 20 km) **Award:** Awards from previous events.

## Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 2-3

**Wiesbaden-Gräselberg** — Wanderers in Mainz and Wiesbaden will enjoy this nearby event on the German Unity Day holiday. Separate IVV credit will be given for each day's walk. From Schiersteiner Kreuz (Autobahns 66 and 643) drive north toward Wiesbaden, exit at Wiesbaden-Dotzheim and turn right onto Erich-Ollenhauer-Strasse. Watch for IVV directional signs leading to the start on Wörthersee Strasse.

**Start:** Sportgelände des SC Gräselberg **Trail:** Hilly routes through wooded and residential areas **Monday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km) and 8-11 a.m. (20 km) **Tuesday:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (10 km) **Award:** Decorative plates from previous events (Monday) and special stamp and certificate (Tuesday).

## Weekend of Oct. 7-8

**Gelnhausen-Hailer** — Volksmarchers in Büdingen and Gelnhausen will have but a few miles to travel to enjoy this walk in the nearby town of Hailer. Saturday morning participants also have the opportunity to visit the Wächtersbach ceramic factory store, a short way up the road to the northeast. Take the Gelnhausen-West exit from Autobahn 66 to reach the start; Büdingen readers will use B-457 toward Gelnhausen to pick up IVV directional signs leading to the start.

**Start:** Sport- und Kulturhalle **Trail:** Fairly hilly walks in woods and fields **Saturday:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 & 10 km) and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 8 a.m. to noon (5, 10 & 20 km) **Award:** Model car.

**Wiesbaden-Klarenthal** — Readers in Wiesbaden will find this walk close to home. The changing fall colors will make the wooded trails especially pretty for wanderers regardless of trail length. Take Autobahns 66 and 643 to reach Wiesbaden and, staying in the left lane, pick up the 2nd Ring toward Klarenthal. Turn left onto Klarenthaler Strasse and shortly thereafter left again as IVV directional signs assist in reaching the start.

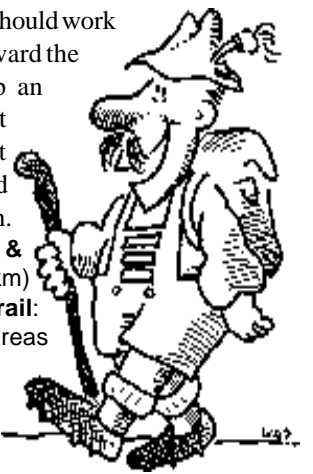
**Start:** Geschwister-Scholl-Grundschule **Trail:** Fairly hilly trails in wooded areas **Saturday & Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 & 10 km), 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km), 7-9 a.m. (42 km) and 7-8 a.m. (50 km) **Award:** Umbrella (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (42 & 50 km).

## Weekend of Oct. 14-15

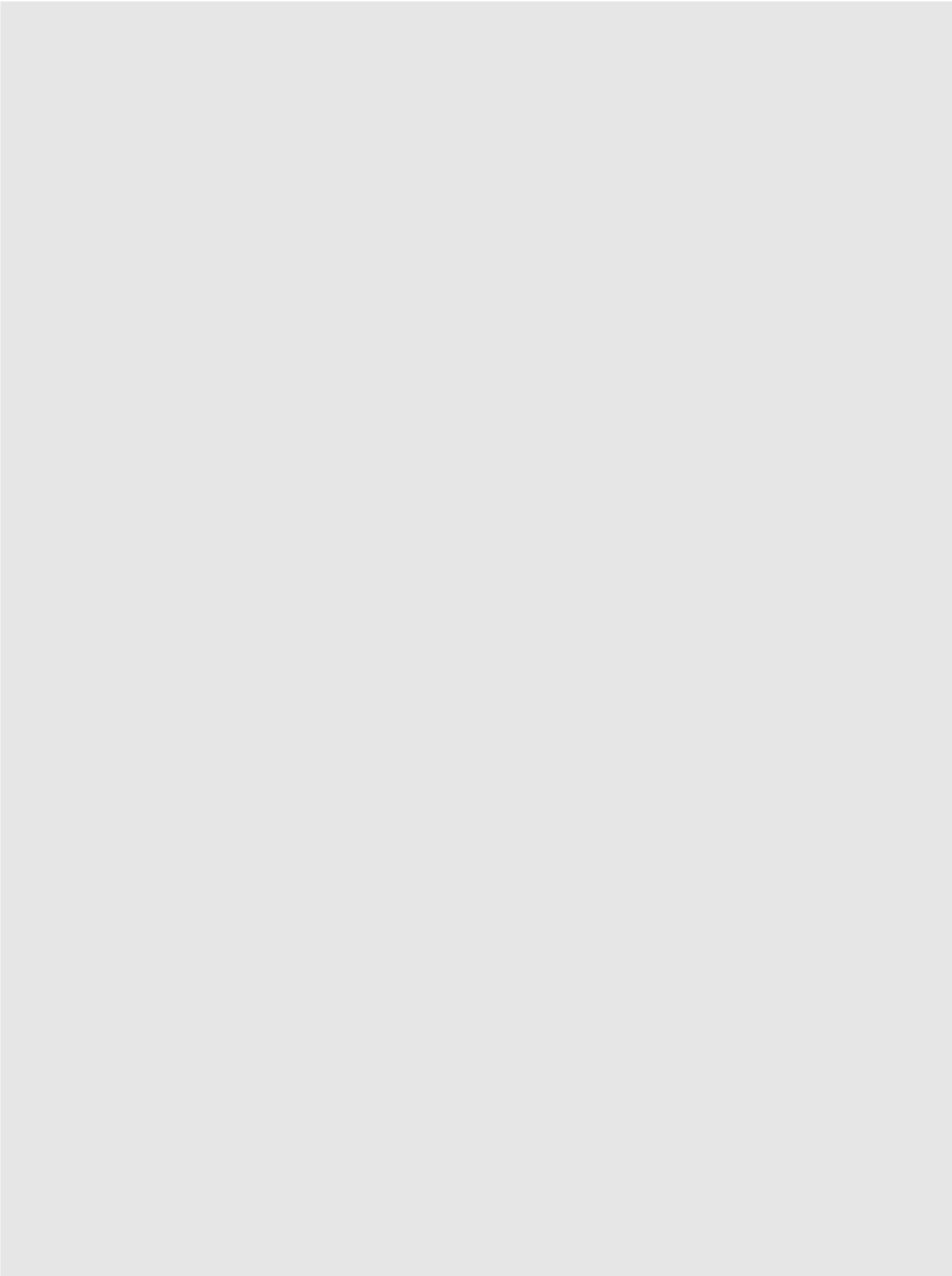
**Finkenbach** — This walk may be found midway between Bad Kreuznach and Baumholder. Residents of both communities should work their way to B-420 and head toward the town of Meisenheim. Pick up an unnumbered road at Obermoschel and follow it through Sitters, Schiersfeld and Gersweiler to reach Finkenbach.

**Start:** Turnhalle **Saturday & Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly wandering in wooded areas **Award:** From previous events.

Questions? Contact the Volksmarch writer at [volksmarch@hotmail.com](mailto:volksmarch@hotmail.com).







## Hanau Commissary face-lift completed

The dust has cleared, the paint is dry and patrons are enjoying improvements following construction

By Robin S. Foster

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Tired of getting trapped in the produce section? Finding it difficult to get to the scales? Need to run in for a few snacks without having to search many aisles?

The Hanau Commissary produce department was small and it needed to be expanded, according to officials. Now there are wider aisles in produce where it is easier for people to enjoy their shopping experience and get around each other without effort.

### New stuff on the way

The first three aisles were pushed back 12 feet to provide additional produce room. The department is also featuring more fruits and vegetables. The section will also feature new wooden produce tables due in by the end of September.

The commissary on Wolfgang Kaserne is one of the largest in the 104th Area Support Group, has won many awards, and now is making more improvements aimed at better serving cus-

tomers.

The Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe was not owned by DECA, but was contracted out to another company. This company felt it was not making the money it needed and decided to replace the butcher shop with a sandwich shop to go/olive bar.

Equipment for hot soups and rotisserie chicken should be in within the next two months. It's a perfect place to get food for that short lunch break, officials said. The commissary also cleared the aisles so patrons don't have to go around displays.

### Warehouse area has new paint and tiles

Another improvement at the commissary is the beverage and snack shop. The "warehouse" area has been renovated to hold beverages and snack food. The concrete floor has been tiled over and the ceiling has been lowered. Now it will be easier to shop for snack-food items, making it easier to grab and go.

Commissary staff have created a map to outline the new store, which is available when the consumer first walks through the doors.

**"Changes are taking place to make every shopping experience a pleasant one."**



Photo by Robin Foster

Pfc. Dianna Smith, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, shops in the Hanau Commissary's expanded produce section.

The changes made at the commissary will benefit the consumer by making it an easier and more pleasant shopping experience. Phil Ruiz, store director, said he "regrets the inconvenience to all of the loyal customers but feels that these changes are tak-

ing place to make every shopping experience a pleasant one."

### Surf the Internet

To find out more about specials and happenings in the Hanau Commissary check out the commissary homepage on the web at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

[www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

Meet Tony Hill and Robert Newhouse, formerly with the Dallas Cowboys, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Hanau Commissary. For information on this visit call mil 322-8323 or civ (06181) 88-8323.

## Around the community

### High school sports

The Hanau High School football team takes on Patch for their homecoming Sept. 23. Sept. 28 the golf team participates in the Division II Championships. The high school volleyball team faces off against Patch and the Black Forest Oct. 7. The tennis team takes on Hohenfels and Mannheim Sept. 30. The cross-country team competes in Mannheim Oct. 7.

### 130th Engineer Brigade Soldier and NCO of the Quarter named

The 130th Engineer Brigade recently announced the names of the individuals chosen as Soldier and NCO of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2000. Winners were chosen based on their professional ability and in-depth knowledge of their job in the U.S. Army. Spc. Matthew E. Moseley,

representing the 94th Engineer Battalion, was selected as Soldier of the Quarter. Moseley is a heavy construction equipment operator in the 535th Engineer Company in Grafenwöhr.

Chosen as NCO of the Quarter was Sgt. Jason L. Hallock. He represents the 54th Engineer Battalion in Bamberg where he is an armored vehicle launched bridge commander in Company C.

### CDC has immediate job openings in 414th BSB

If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a rewarding career in the child care field, apply today to work in one of the three 414th Base Support Battalion Child Care Centers. For more information call the Civilian Personnel Office at mil 322-9336 or civ (06181) 88-9336.

### Public Affairs Office seeks volunteers

The 414th Base Support Bat-

talion Public Affairs Office has immediate openings for volunteers in the journalism and copy writing fields. Interested applicants can apply in person in Building 451, Old Argonner Kaserne or call mil 322-1600, civ (06181) 88-1600.

### Central Registration has new operation hours

Central Registration in Building 4 on Pioneer Kaserne will have new hours beginning Oct. 16. The new hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 1-4:30 p.m.

### Frankenstein Castle trip

The USO Hanau takes you to the Frankenstein Castle Oct. 28. The castle, built in the year 948, has become a Halloween icon hosting the largest Halloween party in Germany. To sign up stop by USO Hanau, Building 4 on Pioneer

Kaserne, or call mil 322-8725, civ (06181) 88-8725. Cost is \$40 for adults. The party is not recommended for young children.

### Bulk trash pickup notice for BSB residents

If you need to discard bulk trash refer to the Bulk Trash pickup listing on the 414th BSB website at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil). Residents are reminded not to place bulk trash out by dumpsters earlier than the night before the scheduled pickup.

### Have kudos to give?

Voice your opinions and kudos to the 414th BSB commander at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil) on the electronic comment card. When you speak up changes will be made.

### Calling all units

If you think your unit is special, tell the community all about it in the *Herald Union*. Call the 414th BSB Public Affairs Office for more infor-

mation at mil 322-1600 or civ (06181) 88-1600.

### HCSC hosts Polish Pottery Bingo

Join the Hanau Community Spouses Club for Polish Pottery Bingo Sept. 24 at the Warrant Officer Association Hut on Old Argonner Kaserne. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Games start at 3 p.m.

### Building coordinators needed in 414th BSB

If you are interested in improving your building and voicing your concerns in Town Halls contact the Housing Office and become a building coordinator. Normally coordinators are assigned, but due to deployments there is a need for a few caring individuals to take care of building business. If you are interested call the Housing Division today.



## BSB welcomes newcomers

New director of community activities, chaplain on board

By Robin S. Foster

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Snyder is no stranger to Germany. This is his fourth time here with previous tours to Darmstadt, Mannheim and Kitzingen. He has been in Hanau for five weeks now and is enjoying it so far. Snyder was drafted into the Army in 1969 as an atomic demolition specialist. He left after two years and came back in 1979 as a chaplain.

He has many goals while here for the next three years. His number

one goal is to assist the area chaplains and provide good ministry. He also hopes to provide good support for the area chaplains. "I want to set an atmosphere that makes it an enjoyable setting to do great ministry," said Snyder.

There is one thing that he wants to accomplish while here, which is to help the area chaplains accomplish their goals since it is in his position to do so.

More commonly known as "Y," Yveta Phillips is the new director of community activities for the 414th Base Support Battalion. She has been in Hanau now for one month and said she loves it.

Before coming to Hanau Phillips worked at Fort Hood, Texas, for 18 and a half years. She started out in

Army Community Service as a social services representative, then was hired to be the first child support services coordinator at Fort Hood in 1982.

Phillips also worked as a families advocate for the state of Texas. "I investigated child abuse neglect cases. Then I went on to work on a special project to prevent child abuse in central Texas and ran the Bell County community rehabilitation center for children," she said.

"I wanted to live overseas and work in a different environment than the largest military installation in the world," said Phillips. "This is a smaller community. It really gives me an opportunity to grow professionally, because here I am the di-



Yveta Phillips, DCA



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Snyder

rector of community activities. At Fort Hood I handled only a portion of the Directorate of Community Activities and that was family programming — so this gives me an opportunity to grow."

As for her plans, Phillips wants to work with Army Family Team Building and with the schools.

"I want to work with the schools so that we offer projects or programs activities with them," she said, "to get the kids involved in appropriate healthy activities such as life skill opportunities rather than expecting them to come to us to the middle school teen center and find those activities."

## Unit focus: 309th Support Center, reserve unit

By Robin S. Foster

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

One weekend a month, two weeks a year — when people hear those words, they think of only one thing and that is the Army Reserves. The Reserves offer an opportunity of a lifetime, according to some reservists.

People in the reserves can have a comfortable separation of civilian life and military life. "It's the best of both worlds," said Capt. Angelique Brough.

The 7th U.S. Army Reserve Command's 309th Support Center (Rear Area Operations Center or RAOC) originated as the 302nd Support Center.

According to the unit lineage and honors, the 302nd was activated in Frankfurt on May 15, 1988, in order to operate the Rear Command Post of the 3rd Armored Division. On Oct. 16, 1992, the 302nd was redesignated as the 309th Support Center. Hanau became its new home in 1996. It is one of 23 units the Army Reserve Command controls.

Capt. Jeffrey Hart is the full-time support operations officer and has many responsibilities

which he shares with his administrative noncommissioned officer, Sgt. 1st Class Eli Thurston. One of his main responsibilities is to make sure all of the odds and ends are taken care of for the soldiers during the month "so they can use their valuable time during drill to conduct training," said Hart. He takes care of everything from personnel to finance including "soldier promotion packets, making

sure that the soldiers get paid after duty or after a drill, supply and maintenance,

training coordination for the units, facility management, resource forecasting and budgeting, liaison for the 16th Corps Support Group," said Hart.

As for the size of the unit, Hart said "It's a small unit rear detachment size; we normally carry about 30-35 people. [We] do not have mechanics authorized in the unit so we do our own equipment self-help. The 7th ARCOM does provide contracted maintenance for anything above operator level though," said Hart.

Training weekends include preventive maintenance, individual soldier training, administrative activities for the soldiers, as well as collective training such as Base De-

fense Liaison Team.

On Aug. 13, 2000, command changed from Lt. Col. Anton L. Seyfried to Maj. Gilbert H. Buster in a ceremony at Fliegerhorst Kaserne's International Club. Seyfried had been in command of the 309th since September 1996.

Buster began his career in 1976 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a military policeman and served in the Panama Canal Zone.

"The 309th RAOC, as one of

the few forward deployed RAOCs in the Army inventory, performs a vital role for the V Corps Rear Command Post," said Hart, "conducting terrain management, coordinating rear area security and area damage control in an assigned sector of the V Corps area of responsibility."

### Becoming a reservist

Soldiers interested in more information about the U.S. Army Reserve or wishing to join the

309th RAOC should call mil 322-9335/8668 or civ (06181) 88-9335/8668.

### Get press coverage

If you are proud of your unit and would like to have it featured in the *Herald Union*, call the 414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office for more information at mil 322-1600, civ (06181) 88-1600 or submit a completed piece for consideration to [paofeedback@hanau.army.mil](mailto:paofeedback@hanau.army.mil).

**"It's the best of both worlds." — Capt. Angelique Brough**



Photo by Karl Weisel

### AFN celebrates 55 years at the Hanau State Fair

Air Force Sgt. Steve German (from left) and Spc. Sean Patrick talk with Col. Daniel Imholte, 104th Area Support Group commander, and Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Quinlan, 1st Armored Division assistant division commander for maneuvers, at the Hanau State Fair. The fair, held Aug. 31 to Sept. 5 at Hanau's Campo Pond, helped recognize AFN Radio's 55th birthday. The festivities also marked the first formal introduction of AFN to the Hanau area, as the Frankfurt-based operation firms up plans to move to Hanau within the next year.

**For more information check out the 414th Base Support Battalion's home page at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil).**



## Engineers prepare for peacekeeping mission

1st Armored Division Engineers and 130th Engineers work together to prepare for fall deployment to Kosovo

By Sheila R. Garrett

414th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs Office

Peacekeeping efforts by NATO in Kosovo have required, and continue to require, a great deal of specialized support from U.S. forces. The 1st Armored Division Engineers, the latest unit being called upon to provide their expertise in war-torn Kosovo, spent the week of June 12-15 preparing for deployment with support services from 130th Engineer Brigade and German partnership unit 5th Company, 320th Pioneer Battalion, from Ober-Lahnstein.

The training took place in Hanau at Campo Pond Army Training Area. Offering both a body of water and acres of dry land it enabled the engineers to construct the three very different bridges.

The 38th Engineer Company, 565th Engineer Battalion in Hanau supplied bridging materials and instructed key leaders on how to erect the bridges.

"We supplied instruction on how to erect the bridges because the 40th doesn't have the level of expertise that our soldiers have in bridging," said Capt. Chris Hussin, 38th Engineer Company commander.

"They are combat engineers, but in preparation for their deployment they thought they would need this type of hands-on training because they might be called upon to construct the bridges," Hussin added.

In today's Army, resources have to be used to their greatest potential and for engineers that means they are called upon to do more than just build bridges.

"Our unit's focus is actually mine clearing operations," said 1st Lt. Steven Brown, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division. "In wartime we are trained to breach minefields and to size up bridges, calculating how much demolition it would take to blow the bridge so the enemy couldn't use it," Brown said.

Although bridging is not their primary MOS, soldiers from the 40th Engineer Battalion and their Ger-

man partners benefited from the excellent instruction given by the 38th and were speaking the bridging language by the end of their predeployment training.

### Closing the distance

"It depends on the distance between land points as to which bridge we use where," said Brown. "The three bridges we are training with today are the Compact 200 or Mabey Johnson Bridge, the Bailey Bridge and the Medium Girder Bridge," he said.

Engineers offer a service vital to not only NATO operations, but also to Kosovo residents. "The [Compact] bridge is used in the Balkans

to replace bridges that have been blown away during their fighting," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Mann, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division.

In peacekeeping missions Army engineers answer the call of need. "When this unit went to Bosnia in '97 to '98 we

used wood

and nails to construct bridges so that residents could sustain their livelihood," Brown said. "If windows are blown out of homes we'll repair them if the funds are available. Basically if it is needed we can do it if called upon to do so," Brown said. "Being versatile makes our job more interesting."

The most intriguing is yet to come for the engineers. Downrange in Kosovo they will be called upon to use their bridging, mining and other skills to help the war-torn country.

### Paid trip to Kosovo

"We are part of the 40th Engineer Battalion, which will deploy to Kosovo in December as part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team," said Capt. Marvin Griffin, Company A, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division. "This training is to promote familiarity with bridge systems and methods

for bridging gaps in preparation for our missions in Kosovo."

The 40th Engineer Battalion, based in Baumholder, extended the training invitation to their German counterparts.

### Learning the work-ways of allies

"We do things a little different than the German army, so it is important for us to train together," said Griffin.

"Our soldiers learn from them. In addition to the bridge construction we taught a class to them on bridge reconnaissance and they taught us a class as well," Griffin said. "Partnership training builds good working relationships with our German counterparts, and we all learn from it," Griffin said.

Pfcs. Marc Wolf and Benjamin Reeb, 320th Pioneer Battalion, together with Pvt. David Cook and Sgt. Aaron Hudson, 40th Engineer Battalion, jack up a Bailey Bridge in preparation for dismantling. The bridge was erected across a pond.

Photo by Sheila R. Garrett



File photo

### A look at the 501st in Kosovo

Members of the MTV network are escorted in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the 2-501st Aviation Battalion as they film a documentary on a day-in-the-life of a soldier at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. For more information on the 501st log onto the 414th Base Support Battalion website at [www.hanau.army.mil](http://www.hanau.army.mil).





# Bulletin board

## At the movies Sept. 19 to Oct. 5

### Bad Kreuznach, Rose

Sept. 19 — The Cell (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Fantasia 2000 (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 The Crew (PG-13) 10 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.  
 The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 — The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 — Chicken Run (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29-30 — The Art Of War (R) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 — The Art Of War (R) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — The In Crowd (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Disney's The Kid (PG) 7 p.m.

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

Sept. 19 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 20-21 — Fantasia 2000 (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 23-24 — Chicken Run (G) 4 p.m. The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 25-26 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27-28 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29-30 — The Art Of War (R) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — The Art Of War (R) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 2-3 — The In Crowd (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4-5 — Disney's The Kid (PG) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

Sept. 22-23 — The Adventures Of Rocky And Bullwinkle (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — Fantasia 2000 (G) 7 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

Sept. 20 — The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — The Art Of War (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 — Fantasia 2000 (G) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

Sept. 21 — The Skulls (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — Gladiator (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — The Replacements (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Dinosaur (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 — Ready To Rumble (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 — Big Momma's House (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — The Cell (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — The Cell (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Boys And Girls (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

Sept. 19 — Coyote Ugly (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Marie Matiko and Wesley Snipes star in the action thriller, *The Art Of War*.

Sept. 24 — Dinosaur (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 26-27 — The Replacements (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 — The In Crowd (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — Disney's The Kid (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 3-4 — The Cell (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Hanau, Evening Star

Sept. 19 — Me, Myself And Irene (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Fantasia 2000 (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — Chicken Run (G) 7 p.m. The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m. Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Chicken Run (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 25 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — Chicken Run (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29-30 — Bait (R) 7 p.m. The In Crowd (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — Bait (R) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 2-3 — Disney's The Kid (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4-5 — The In Crowd (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

Sept. 20 — The Art Of War (R) 8 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 — Chicken Run (G) 7 p.m. The Cell (R) 9:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 — Dinosaur (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 — Disney's The Kid (PG) 7 p.m. The Crew (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.

Sept. 30 — Fantasia 2000 (G) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 — The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — Bait (R) 8 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

Sept. 20 — Boys And Girls (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 27 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

Sept. 22 — The Art Of War (R) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 23 — Chicken Run (G) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 — Disney's The Kid (PG) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 — The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

Sept. 19 — The Crew (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 — Me, Myself And Irene (R) 7 p.m.  
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 Oct. 4 — The In Crowd (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 — Whatever It Takes (PG-13) 7 p.m.

## Movie plots

**The Art Of War (R)** — Wesley Snipes is Neil Shaw, an American agent who must uncover an international plot to bring down the United Nations on the eve of an historic summit with China. A group of murdered Chinese refugees is found in a container in the New York harbor, setting off a bizarre chain of events leading to the murder of the Chinese ambassador. When Shaw is accused of the crime, he must go underground to solve the mystery and clear his name.

**The Adventures Of Rocky And Bullwinkle (PG)** — Those notorious No-Goodniks Boris Badenov (Jason Alexander) and Natasha Fatale (Rene Russo) are back and as usual up to no good. They've managed to break the secret code and make the leap from their cartoon existence into the real world. Led by criminal mastermind Fearless Leader (Robert De Niro), Boris and Natasha have devised a plot to take over the world.

**Me, Myself And Irene (R)** — When he forgets to take his medication, state trooper Charlie (Jim Carrey) finds himself fighting over a woman (Renee Zellweger) with his violent, sexually aggressive alter ego.

**The Cell (R)** — Catherine Deane (Jennifer Lopez) enters a killer's nightmarish fantasy world as a psychologist experimenting with a radical new therapy. Through a new science, Catherine can literally experience what is happening in another person's unconscious mind.

**The Replacements (PG-13)** — Success is often a matter of blind luck, and some deserving people never get a crack at it. Such has been the fate of Shane "Footsteps" Falco (Keanu Reeves), once a hot All-American. When league players decide to strike, leaving the prospect of empty fields, the Washington Sentinels scramble for a solution. When they bring contentious and self-retired head coach Jimmy McGinty (Gene Hackman) back into the fold, McGinty seeks out players who will play with their hearts rather than their wallets.

**The Crew (PG-13)** — There's no place like home—even when it's the ratty Raj Mahal senior citizen hotel in Miami. While sexy models cavort on the white sands posing for haute couture fashion magazine covers, four former wiseguys Bobby Bartellemeo (Richard Dreyfuss), Joey "Bats" Pistella (Burt Reynolds), Mike "The Brick" Donatelli (Dan Hedaya) and Tony "The Mouth" Donato (Seymour Cassel), face eviction from the Raj. They hatch a simple scheme to save their retirement residence. Comedy and chaos collide when the elderly GoodFellas' caper goes awry.

**Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).**

## Birth announcements

Seth Taylor Knott — born Sept. 5 to Brandy and Spc. Dominic Knott, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5-7th Air Defense Artillery, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.  
 Angelina Lauren Hughes — born Sept. 3 to Jamie and Sgt. Rodney Hughes of 26th Quartermaster Company, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.  
 Shamal Kristian Tallmore — born Sept. 3 to Sgt.

Emmaline and Oliver Tallmore of 26th Quartermaster Company, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces.  
 Noah Jason Barlow — born Aug. 13 to Pfc. Rochelle Barlow of 18th Corps Support Battalion, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces.  
 Raymond Mitchel Keller — born Aug. 26 to Tammy and Capt. Raymond Keller of 16th Corps Support Group, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Naaliyah Carolanne Myoshi Thomas — born Aug. 27 to Latanya and Chief Warrant Officer 1 William Thomas of Company B, 5-7th Air Defense Artillery, weighing 10 pounds, 2 ounces.

Tyler James Wilridge — born Aug. 29 to Leslie and Pfc. Wayne Wilridge of 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Genoah Mikaila Culler — born Sept. 6 to Lawanda and Pfc. Gabe Culler of 127th Aviation Support Battalion, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

